

## **Explanatory note**

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

This Bill is cognate with the *Liquor Bill 2007*.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to constitute the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority as the licensing and regulatory authority for the purposes of the proposed *Liquor Act 2007*, the *Casino Control Act 1992*, the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* and the *Registered Clubs Act 1976*. The new Authority replaces the Casino Control Authority and also takes over the licensing and other regulatory functions of the Licensing Court and the Liquor Administration Board.

Outline of provisions

### **Part 1 Preliminary**

Part 1 (**clauses 1–5**) contains provisions relating to the name and commencement of the proposed Act and its interpretation. The term ***gaming and liquor legislation*** covers the proposed Act, the proposed *Liquor Act 2007*, the *Casino Control Act 1992*, the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* and the *Registered Clubs Act 1976*. Other defined terms (such as ***key official*** and ***close associate***) are also included for the purposes of the gaming and liquor legislation.

### **Part 2 Constitution and functions of Authority**

Part 2 (**clauses 6–13**) constitutes the new Authority as a corporation and provides for its membership (which includes a Chief Executive). The Authority will have functions under the gaming and liquor legislation. The Part contains other provisions relating to the Authority, including the power to establish committees and to delegate its functions.

### **Part 3 Probity**

Part 3 (**clauses 14–17**) contains provisions relating to the integrity of certain persons (such as the members of the new Authority and designated members of staff) who are engaged in the administration of the gaming and liquor legislation. The Part also contains restrictions in relation to key officials and former key officials (eg they must not hold a gaming or liquor licence or be employed by the holder of such a licence) and prohibits the disclosure of information obtained under that legislation. These provisions are currently contained either in the *Casino Control Act 1992* or in the other relevant gaming and liquor Acts and are being consolidated in this Part so they can be applied uniformly across the gaming and liquor legislation.

### **Part 4 Investigation and enforcement powers**

Part 4 (**clauses 18–35**) contains provisions relating to the powers of police officers and inspectors appointed under the proposed Act to carry out investigations, and to enter and search premises, for the purposes connected with the administration and enforcement of the gaming and liquor legislation. Most of these powers are currently contained either in the *Casino Control Act 1992* or in the other relevant gaming and liquor Acts and are being consolidated in this Part so they can be applied uniformly across the gaming and liquor legislation.

### **Part 5 Miscellaneous**

Part 5 (**clauses 36–50**) contains miscellaneous provisions for the purposes of the proposed Act that are mainly of an administrative nature.

**Schedule 1** contains provisions relating to the members and procedure of the Authority.

**Schedule 2** contains savings, transitional and other provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act. In particular, provision is made to continue the appointment of the existing Chief Executive of the Casino Control Authority as the Chief Executive of the new Authority and to continue the appointment of existing inspectors.