

[STATE ARMS]

New South Wales

National Parks and Wildlife (Parramatta Regional Park) Bill 1998

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to confirm the status of the land known as Parramatta Regional Park as a regional park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and
- (b) to excise and provide for the lease of part of that land.

The Bill also makes consequential amendments to the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 confirms the status of the land described in Schedule 1 to the proposed Act as a regional park reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* with the name "Parramatta Regional Park".

Clause 4 excises the part of the land specified in Schedule 2 to the proposed Act from that Park, revokes its reservation as a regional park, and vests it in the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. However, the proposed section prohibits the Minister from dealing with the land concerned otherwise than by granting a lease of it or easements over it. Proceeds of any such

lease are to be used for the management, maintenance and improvement of Parramatta Regional Park. The proposed section is also identified for the purposes of section 150 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (as to which, see the explanatory note to Schedule 3).

Clause 5 allows the making of savings and transitional provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Clause 6 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* set out in Schedule 3.

Schedules

Schedule 1 describes the land that constitutes Parramatta Regional Park.

Schedule 2 describes the land that is excised from that Park by proposed section 4.

Schedule 3 amends section 150 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. That section constitutes the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* a "corporation sole" for the purpose of the exercise and performance of the Minister's authorities, duties and functions under the Parts of that Act that are specified in the section. The proposed amendments extend that purpose to include the exercise and performance of the Minister's authorities, duties and functions under any other provisions of any Act if the provisions concerned are identified for the purpose of section 150. (A "corporation sole" is a legal body, consisting of one member at a time in succession—such as the Minister for the time being administering a particular Act—having rights and duties distinct from those of the individuals who successively constitute it.)