

### **Explanatory note**

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

#### Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Library Act 1939* to enable 2 or more local councils to enter into arrangements for the provision, control and management of libraries and library services in any of the areas of the councils.

#### 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 to the proposed Act.

#### **Schedule 1 Amendment of Library Act 1939 No 40**

Currently, the *Library Act 1939* provides that 2 or more local councils may enter into an agreement under which one of the councils undertakes the function of providing, controlling and managing a library, library services or information services in the area or areas of the other local council or councils. Similar agreements can also be entered into under which a local council's library-related functions are exercised for or on behalf of that council by another local council. **Schedule 1 [4]** provides that local councils will be able to enter into alternative arrangements for the provision, control and management of a library, library service or information service in the area of any local council that is a party to the arrangement. Such an arrangement cannot be entered into without the approval of the Minister for the Arts, who must

have the agreement of the Minister for Local Government.

**Schedule 1 [1]–[3]** are consequential amendments.