

## **Election Funding Amendment Bill 2002**

### **Explanatory note**

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

#### Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to enable candidates entitled to public funding under the *Election Funding Act 1981* to direct that payment of the funding be made to the political party that endorsed the candidate for the election concerned.

#### 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** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Election Funding Act 1981* set out in Schedule 1.

**Clause 4** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Election Funding Regulation 1999* set out in Schedule 2.

### **Schedule 1 Amendment of Election Funding Act 1981**

**Schedule 1 [3]** inserts section 76A into the Act to allow a candidate who is entitled to public funding in relation to his or her election campaign to direct the Election Funding Authority to pay the funding instead to a party that endorsed the candidate in the election for which the payment is to be made and that was a registered party as at the polling day for that election.

**Schedule 1 [1]** makes a consequential amendment to ensure that a payment to a party under proposed section 76A is still regarded as an amount receivable by a candidate for the purposes of determining the maximum entitlement of candidates to public funding.

**Schedule 1 [2]** makes a consequential amendment to ensure that a payment to a party under proposed section 76A is not included in the amount used to calculate the entitlement of the party to advance payments under section 69 of the Act.

**Schedule 1 [4]** makes a consequential amendment to ensure that a payment to a party under proposed section 76A is not included in the amount used to calculate the entitlement of the party to preliminary payments under section 77A of the Act.

### **Schedule 2 Amendment of Election Funding**

#### **Regulation 1999**

**Schedule 2** makes a consequential amendment to the *Election Funding Regulation 1999*.