

[STATE ARMS]

New South Wales

Public Sector Management Amendment (Council on the Cost of Government) Bill 1998

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

Under the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* the Council on the Cost of Government will be dissolved on 13 October 1998.

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* to provide that the Council is instead to be dissolved on 13 October 2000.

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.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 [1] substitutes section 47E (1) of the Act. Division 1 (sections 43–47E) of Part 3 of the Act was inserted by the *Public Sector Management Amendment Act 1995*. Those provisions commenced on 13 October 1995. Section 47E (1) currently provides that the Council on the Cost of Government is to be dissolved 3 years after the commencement of that Division, namely 13 October 1998. The amendment postpones the date on which the Council is to be dissolved by 2 years to 13 October 2000.

Schedule 1 [2] inserts savings and transitional provisions in the Act in the event that the proposed Act is assented to on or after 13 October 1998. In particular, the expiry of the term of office of an appointed member of the Council is postponed to 31 December 1998. The amendment also validates certain actions of the Council taken on or after 13 October 1998 and before the assent to the proposed Act.