

## **Disorderly Houses Amendment (Brothels) Bill 2001**

### **Explanatory note**

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

#### Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to facilitate proof of the use of premises as a brothel in proceedings before the Land and Environment Court:

- (a) on an application under the *Disorderly Houses Act 1943*, or
- (b) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Bill makes it clear that, in any such proceedings, the Court may rely on circumstantial evidence to establish that particular premises are used as a brothel. The provision includes a note containing a list of examples of relevant circumstantial evidence.

#### 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 *Disorderly Houses Act 1943* set out in Schedule 1.

#### **Schedule 1 Amendments**

**Schedule 1 [2]** sets out the amendment described in the above overview.

**Schedule 1 [1]** provides that notes in the principal Act do not form part of the Act.