



New South Wales

Unlawful Gambling Amendment (Betting on Animals) Bill 2023

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 *Unlawful Gambling Act 1998* to outlaw gambling on activities involving live animals, including—

- (a) making it an offence for a person in the State to place a bet on an activity involving a live animal, and
- (b) making it an offence for a licensed bookmaker to carry on bookmaking for an activity involving a live animal.

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 Unlawful Gambling Act 1998 No 113

Schedule 1[2] replaces the current offences relating to unlawful betting in section 8 with a single offence of gambling on an activity involving a live animal. **Schedule 1[1]** is a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1[3] amends section 9 to make it an offence for a licensed bookmaker to carry on bookmaking for an activity involving a live animal.



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