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Rural Fires Amendment (Red Fleet) 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 *Rural Fires Act 1997* to vest in the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service fire fighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or partly from money to the credit of the New South Wales Rural Fire Fighting Fund (*Fund equipment*). Currently, Fund equipment is vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the Fund equipment was purchased or constructed.

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 Rural Fires Act 1997 No 65

Schedule 1[2] gives effect to the overview of the Bill. **Schedule 1[1]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1[3] removes provisions relating to the disposal and maintenance of Fund equipment by a council and the use of Fund equipment by the Commissioner with the concurrence of a council.



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No. _____, 2023

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Rural Fires Act 1997* in relation to the ownership of NSW Rural Fire Service assets; and for related purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Rural Fires Amendment (Red Fleet) Act 2023*.

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2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1	Amendment of Rural Fires Act 1997 No 65	1
[1] Section 119, heading		2
	Omit “ Maintenance and disposal ”. Insert instead “ Ownership ”.	3
[2] Section 119(2)		4
	Omit “is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the fire fighting equipment has been purchased or constructed”.	5
	Insert instead “is vested in the Commissioner”.	6
[3] Section 119(3), (5) and (6)		7
	Omit the subsections.	8
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