



New South Wales

Constitution Amendment (Executive Council) 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 *Constitution Act 1902* (*the Act*)—

- (a) to allow meetings of the Executive Council to be held either in person or by means of a teleconference or video conference, and
- (b) to allow the Governor, or Vice-President or senior member presiding in the absence of the Governor or Vice-President, to preside at a meeting of the Executive Council either in person or by means of a teleconference or video conference.

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 amends the Act, section 35D to give effect to the object of this Bill.



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No. , 2023

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Constitution Act 1902* in relation to meetings of the Executive Council.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Constitution Amendment (Executive Council) 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 Constitution Act 1902 No 32	1
Section 35D Meetings of the Executive Council		2
Insert after section 35D(3)—		3
(3A) A meeting of the Executive Council may be held—		4
(a) in person, or		5
(b) by means of a teleconference or video conference.		6
(3B) The Governor, or Vice-President or senior member if presiding in the absence of the Governor or Vice-President, may preside at a meeting of the Executive Council—		7
(a) in person, or		8
(b) by means of a teleconference or video conference.		9
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