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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Local Government Amendment (De-amalgamations) Bill 2024

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Costs of de-amalgamation

Page 3, Schedule 1[4], lines 10 and 11. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

[4] Section 218CC, heading

Omit the heading. Insert instead-

218CC Costs of de-amalgamations

[4A] Section 218CC(1)–(5)

Omit the subsections.

[4B] Section 218CC(6)

Omit "this section is fully funded". Insert instead "section 218CD is funded".

[4C] Section 218CC(6A)

Insert after section 218CC(6)—

- (6A) For the purposes of subsection (6), the Minister may make either or both of the following—
 - (a) a grant, not exceeding \$5 million, to the new council to offset the financial impacts of the de-amalgamation,
 - (b) a loan to the new council, at interest rates determined by the New South Wales Treasury Corporation, to defray de-amalgamation costs.

No. 2 Boundaries Commission report

Page 3, Schedule 1[5], proposed section 218CD. Insert after line 33—

(3A) The Minister must ensure that the Boundaries Commission's report is publicly released within 48 hours after it is provided to the Minister.

No. 3 Costs of de-amalgamation

Page 6, Schedule 1[8], proposed Schedule 10, clause 3(b). Insert after line 24-

- (iii) whether the business case assumes a grant will be made by the Minister to the new council to offset the financial impacts of the de-amalgamation and, if so, the amount of the assumed grant,
- (iv) whether the business case assumes the amalgamated council will receive a loan from the Minister to defray de-amalgamation costs and, if so, the assumed amount and terms of the loan,