



New South Wales

Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Balloons) Bill 2024

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 *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to prohibit the release of balloons inflated with a gas that causes them to rise in the air (*lighter-than-air balloons*).

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 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 No 156

Schedule 1 makes it an offence for a person to release, or cause or permit the release of, one or more lighter-than-air balloons. Currently, it is an offence to release, or cause or permit the release of, 20 or more lighter-than-air balloons at or about the same time.