



New South Wales

Cannabis Legalisation (Plebiscite) Bill 2024

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill to provide for the conduct of a plebiscite about the legalisation of the use, possession and sale of cannabis.

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.

Clause 3 requires a plebiscite to be held to determine whether the people of New South Wales approve of the enactment of laws to legalise the use, possession and sale of cannabis.

Clause 4 provides that the plebiscite question to be submitted to the persons entitled to vote at the plebiscite is—

Should the NSW Government legalise the use, possession and sale of cannabis by adults 18 years and older, subject to regulation and taxation?

Clause 5 provides that the plebiscite is to be held on the day of the general election of the Members of the Legislative Assembly held next after the commencement of the proposed Act.

Clause 6 provides that the plebiscite is to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Further Amendment (Referendum) Act 1930*.

Clause 7 requires the Electoral Commissioner to publish on the New South Wales Electoral Commission's website copies of approved case documents for the "Yes" and "No" cases, if an

approved case document is given to the Electoral Commissioner within 3 months after the commencement of the proposed Act.

Clause 8 enables regulations to be made.