



New South Wales

Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District) Bill 2025

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to split the Murrumbidgee Local Health District into 2 local health districts being—

- (a) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, and
- (b) the Western Riverina Local Health District.

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 day that is 6 months after the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Health Services Act 1997 No 154

Schedule 1[3]—

- (a) dissolves the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and constitutes 2 new local health districts, being—
 - (i) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, and
 - (ii) the Western Riverina Local Health District, and
- (b) provides for the transfer of assets, rights and liabilities of the former Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Schedule 1[1] describes the areas that constitute the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and the Western Riverina Local Health District. **Schedule 1[2]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Health Services Regulation 2018

Schedule 2 describes the parts of the Lachlan local government area included in the area in respect of which the Western Riverina Local Health District is constituted.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



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No , 2025

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Health Services Act 1997* to split the Murrumbidgee Local Health District into 2 local health districts; and for other purposes.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments

Tabling copy

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District) Act 2025</i> .	3
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2 Commencement	5
This Act is to commence on the day that is 6 months after the date of assent to this Act.	6
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Schedule 1 Amendment of Health Services Act 1997 No 154

[1] Schedule 1 Names and areas of local health districts

Omit the matter relating to Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Insert in appropriate order in columns 1 and 2—

Murrumbidgee Local Health District	City of Albury, Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional, Federation, Greater Hume Shire, Hilltops, Junee, Lockhart, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora, Tumbarumba, Urana, City of Wagga Wagga
Western Riverina Local Health District	Balranald, Berrigan, Carrathool, Edward River, City of Griffith, Hay, Lachlan (part), Leeton, Murray River, Murrumbidgee

[2] Schedule 1

Omit “Balranald,” from the matter relating to Far West Local Health District.

[3] Schedule 7 Savings, transitional and other provisions

Insert at the end of the schedule, with appropriate part and clause numbering—

Part Provisions consequent on enactment of Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District) Act 2025

Dissolution and constitution of local health districts

- (1) The Murrumbidgee Local Health District is dissolved.
- (2) The following local health districts are constituted—
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District,
 - (b) Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (3) Nothing in this clause prevents the amendment of Schedule 1 by an order made under this Act, section 19 or 20.

Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities

- (1) The Minister may, by order published on the NSW legislation website, transfer assets, rights and liabilities of the former Murrumbidgee Local Health District to—
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District, or
 - (b) Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (2) The operation of an order made under this clause is not to be regarded as—
 - (a) a breach of contract or confidence or otherwise as a civil wrong, or
 - (b) a breach of a contractual provision prohibiting, restricting or regulating the assignment or transfer of assets, rights or liabilities, or

- (c) giving rise to a remedy by a party to an instrument, or causing or
permitting the termination of an instrument, because of a change in the
beneficial or legal ownership of an asset, right or liability, or
- (d) an event of default under a contract or other instrument.
- (3) No attornment to the Murrumbidgee Local Health District or the Western
Riverina Local Health District by a lessee of the former Murrumbidgee Local
Health District is required.
- (4) No compensation is payable to a person or body in connection with the transfer
of an asset, right or liability by operation of an order made under this clause.
- (5) State tax is not payable in relation to—
 - (a) an exempt matter, or
 - (b) anything done because of, or for a purpose connected with or arising out
of, an exempt matter.
- (6) In this clause—

exempt matter means—

 - (a) the transfer of an asset, right or liability by operation of this clause,
including, without limitation, an instrument executed only for a purpose
ancillary to or consequential on the operation of this clause, or
 - (b) anything certified by the Minister in writing as having been done in
consequence of the transfer.

former Murrumbidgee Local Health District means the Murrumbidgee Local
Health District as constituted immediately before the commencement of this
part.

State tax means application or registration fees, duty or another tax, fee or
charge imposed by legislation or another law of the State.

Schedule 2	Amendment of Health Services Regulation 2018	1
[1] Clause 25 Local health district descriptions		2
Omit clause 25(4). Insert instead—		3
(4)	A reference in the Act, Schedule 1, Column 2 to Lachlan (part), in relation to the Western Riverina Local Health District, is a reference to the following 2021 Statistical Areas—	4
(a)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106209,	5
(b)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106210,	6
(c)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106211,	7
(d)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106212,	8
(e)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106213,	9
(f)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106215,	10
(g)	Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) 10302106225.	11
[2] Clause 25(7)		12
Insert in alphabetical order in clause 25(7)—		13
	2021 Statistical Area means a Statistical Area specified in the <i>Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Edition 3</i> , published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in July 2021.	14
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