

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Community Improvement Districts Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

✓ No. 1

Small Business Advisory Panel

Page 3. Insert after line 23—

7A Small Business Advisory Panel

- (1) The Authority must establish a Small Business Advisory Panel.
- (2) The membership of the panel must be determined by the Authority, but must include the following persons—
 - (a) the Small Business Commissioner,
 - (b) at least one member nominated by the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia Ltd.
- (3) The function of the panel is to advise the Authority on matters concerning small businesses' relationship with CIDs.
- (4) The procedure of the panel is to be determined by the Authority or, subject to the determination by the Authority, by the panel itself.

✓ No. 2

Waivers and reductions—serious hardship

Page 11, proposed Part 4. Insert after line 37—

Division 2A Waiver or reduction of levy

25A Authority may waive or reduce levy where serious hardship

- (1) The Authority may waive or reduce the levy payable by a landowner if the landowner has demonstrated to the Authority that payment of the levy would result in serious hardship.
- (2) If the Authority decides to waive or reduce the levy payable by a person, the Authority must give notice of that decision to the relevant CID entity.
- (3) The Authority must give effect to that decision by—
 - (a) waiving or reducing the levy payable, as the case requires, and
 - (b) writing off the amount that is waived or the amount of the reduction.
- (4) Accrued interest on the levy may be waived or reduced under this section in the same way as the levy.

- (5) Accordingly, a reference in this section to the levy includes a reference to accrued interest on the levy.

No. 3 **Waivers and reductions—proportionate benefit**

Page 11, proposed Part 4. Insert after line 37—

Division 2B Waiver or reduction of levy

25B Authority may waive or reduce levy

- (1) The Authority may waive or reduce the levy payable by a landowner if the landowner has demonstrated to the Authority that the landowner would not receive a proportionate benefit by payment of the levy.
Example— An IT business with all its clients in another country may not benefit to a proportionate degree from CID services, projects or activities when compared with a neighbouring retail business.
- (2) If the Authority decides to waive or reduce the levy payable by a person, the Authority must give notice of that decision to the relevant CID entity.
- (3) The Authority must give effect to that decision by—
- (a) waiving or reducing the levy payable, as the case requires, and
 - (b) writing off the amount that is waived or the amount of the reduction.
- (4) Accrued interest on the levy may be waived or reduced under this section in the same way as the levy.
- (5) Accordingly, a reference in this section to the levy includes a reference to accrued interest on the levy.

No. 4 **Government land**

Page 14, clause 31. Insert after line 6—

- (1A) Despite subsection (1), this Act does apply to government land if the government land is leased on a commercial basis to a person or body that is not the State or the Commonwealth or an agency of the State or the Commonwealth.

✓ No. 5 **Power to require information and documents**

Page 15, clause 35. Insert after 35—

- (2A) This section does not limit a privilege a person or body has under another Act or another law.

✓ No. 6 **Report to Parliament**

Page 17. Insert after line 17—

43 Report to Parliament

- (1) The Small Business Minister must, at least once every 12 months, report to Parliament on the following matters—
- (a) how CIDs have operated in relation to small business,
 - (b) whether CID entities have adequately engaged with and supported small business,
 - (c) the examples and evidence provided by CID entities of the engagement and support.
- (2) The Authority must, on request, give the Small Business Minister information in its possession to assist the Small Business Minister in complying with this section.

(3) In this section—

Small Business Minister means the minister administering the *Small Business Commissioner Act 2013*.

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Making of CID proposals

Page 4, clause 8(4). Insert after line 33—

- (d1) activities to help attract new businesses into the CID, including activities to fill vacant business premises,
- (d2) services, activities and projects to support businesses and residents of the CID in achieving net zero outcomes and participating in circular economy activities and projects,
- (d3) community wealth building activities,

✓ No. 2

Community consultation reports

Page 5, clause 9(3), lines 11–13. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

- (3) The CID proponent must prepare a report on the outcome of the consultation and give the report to the Authority at the time the CID proponent makes the CID proposal to the Authority.
- (3A) The Authority must make the report publicly available in the way prescribed by the regulations.

✓ No. 3

Community consultation reports

Page 5, clause 10(2), lines 21 and 22. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

- (2) Despite subsection (1), the Authority may reject a CID proposal—
 - (a) if, in the Authority's opinion, the CID proposal may unreasonably exclude members of the public from spaces or areas where the public otherwise have a right of access, or
 - (b) if, having considered the report referred to in section 9(3), the Authority believes—
 - (i) there has been inadequate consultation on the CID proposal, or
 - (ii) there is no reasonable prospect that each local council whose area is within the boundaries of the CID will support the CID proposal, as referred to in section 13, or
 - (c) if, in the Authority's opinion, there is not a reasonable prospect of the CID proposal achieving the required support in a CID proposal ballot,
Example— The Authority believes there is insufficient evidence provided of community or council support for the CID proposal.

(d) in circumstances prescribed by the regulations.

✓ No. 4

Community consultation reports

Page 21, Schedule 3. Insert after line 22—

Part 3 Community consultation reports

4 Publication of community consultation reports

For the Act, section 9(3A), the report must be published on the Authority's website within 30 days of the CID proposal being accepted under the Act, section 10(1).

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Local council support

Page 6, clause 13(2), line 43. Omit "30 days". Insert instead "60 days".

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Power to require information and documents from local councils

Page 15, clause 34. Insert after line 15—

- (1A) A local council is not required to give the Authority information or a document in circumstances prescribed by the regulations.

✓ No. 2

Power to require information and documents from local councils

Page 21, Schedule 3. Insert after line 22—

Part 3 Production of information and documents

4 Production of information and documents

For the Act, section 34(1A), information, or information in a document, is not required to be given to the Authority where the information, or the information in the document, is personal information within the meaning of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.