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OPP--Opposition

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### Community Improvement Districts Bill 2025

#### First print

#### Proposed amendments

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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.

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- (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.

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(3) In this section—

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