



New South Wales

Water Management Amendment (Intergovernmental Agreements) 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 enable parliamentary scrutiny of draft intergovernmental agreements about matters concerning the Murray-Darling Basin before the State enters into the agreements.

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 Water Management Act 2000 No 92

Schedule 1 prohibits the State from entering into an intergovernmental agreement with another jurisdiction about matters concerning the Murray-Darling Basin until 15 sitting days have passed after a draft of the intergovernmental agreement has been tabled in each House of Parliament.



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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 *Water Management Act 2000* to require the State, before entering into an intergovernmental agreement concerning the Murray-Darling Basin, to table a copy of the draft intergovernmental agreement in each House of Parliament.

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>Water Management Amendment (Intergovernmental Agreements) Act 2025</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6

Schedule 1	Amendment of Water Management Act 2000 No 92	1
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Chapter 8 Administration		3
Insert at the end of Part 3A with appropriate section numbering—		4
Tabling of draft intergovernmental agreements		5
(1)	The State must not enter into an intergovernmental agreement until 15 sitting days have passed after a copy of a draft of the intergovernmental agreement has been tabled in each House of Parliament.	6
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(2)	A copy of the draft intergovernmental agreement may be tabled before a House of Parliament by the Minister or Clerk of the House.	9
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(3)	In this section—	11
	<i>intergovernmental agreement</i> means an agreement between the State and another jurisdiction about matters concerning the Murray-Darling Basin, including—	12
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	(a) the <i>Basin Plan 2012</i> of the Commonwealth, or	15
	(b) the <i>Water Act 2007</i> of the Commonwealth, or	16
	(c) the <i>Water (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2008</i> .	17