



New South Wales

Workers Compensation Amendment (Firefighters' Diseases) 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 amend the *Workers Compensation Act 1987* as follows—

- (a) to specify further kinds of cancer as diseases to which presumptive rights to compensation for firefighters apply and to specify the corresponding qualifying service periods,
- (b) to reduce the qualifying service period for primary site oesophageal cancer from 25 years to 15 years.

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 Workers Compensation Act 1987 No 70

Schedule 1[1] and [2] amend the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*, Schedule 4 to give effect to the object set out in the overview above.

Schedule 1[3] inserts provisions of a savings or transitional nature.