

## **Library Amendment (Arrangements for Mutual Provision of Library Services) Bill 2010**

### **Explanatory note**

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

### **Overview of Bill**

Section 12 of the *Library Act 1939* currently enables 2 or more local authorities (ie councils established under the *Local Government Act 1993*) to enter into an agreement under which one of the local authorities undertakes the function of providing, controlling and managing libraries and library services in the area or areas of the other local authority or authorities concerned. The section also enables local authorities to enter into a similar agreement under which a local authority's library related functions are exercised for or on behalf of that authority by another local authority.

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Library Act 1939* to enable 2 or more local authorities to enter into alternative arrangements for the provision, control and management of libraries and library services in any of their respective local government areas. Instead of agreeing that one of the local authorities undertakes the function of providing, controlling and managing a particular library, local authorities will, subject to the approval of the Library Council, be able to enter into any arrangement for the provision, control and management of a library and library services in the area of any local authority that is a party to an approved arrangement.

### **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 Library Act 1939 No 40**

**Schedule 1** amends the *Library Act 1939* for the purposes described in the above Overview.