

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to prevent the relocation of Gosford Public School to the grounds of Henry Kendall High School and to ensure that parents, staff and the community are consulted before any alternative site is chosen for Gosford Public School.

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.

Clause 3 defines **Minister** as the Minister administering the *Education Act 1990*.

Clause 4 prohibits the relocation of Gosford Public School to the grounds of Henry Kendall High School.

Clause 5 requires Gosford Public School to continue at its current site unless a decision is made to relocate it in accordance with the proposed Act.

Clause 6 provides for parents, teachers and the general community to be notified and consulted before a decision is made on an alternative site for Gosford Public School.

Clause 7 requires the Minister to conduct a public meeting before making a decision on an alternative site.

Clause 8 provides that the Minister must not make a decision on an alternative site unless the Minister has attended that meeting and had regard to the comments made at it and has had regard to any submissions made in response to the notices to parents, teachers and the general community. The Minister is also required to have regard to the needs of current and future students of the school and the needs of teachers of the school.