



New South Wales

Government Information (Public Access) Amendment (Removal of Application Fee) Bill 2012

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 *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*:

- (a) to remove the current requirement to pay a fee when making an application or other request for government information under that Act, and
- (b) to provide that, if any processing charge is imposed for dealing with an access application, the first hour of dealing with the application is to be free of charge.

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 Government Information
(Public Access) Act 2009 No 52**

Schedule 1 makes the amendments described in the Overview, removes all references to an application fee from the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* and makes other consequential amendments.