



New South Wales

NSW Jobs Commission 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 establish a NSW Jobs Commission to inquire into and advise on matters affecting jobs growth and retention particularly in relation to regional areas.

Outline of provisions

Part 1 Preliminary

Part 1 (clauses 1–3) contains provisions relating to the name of the proposed Act, its commencement and the meaning of certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Part 2 NSW Jobs Commission

Part 2 (clauses 4–9) constitutes the NSW Jobs Commission as a NSW Government agency and provides for its membership and functions. The Commission will consist of a NSW Jobs Commissioner appointed by the Governor and up to 5 other part-time members with relevant skills, knowledge or experience, who will be appointed by the

Premier. The Commission will be subject to the control and direction of the Premier. Its functions will include conducting inquiries into communities and industries that have been affected by job losses, making recommendations to enhance economic opportunities in these areas and identifying issues affecting jobs growth and retention. It will also evaluate regional development funding initiatives. The Commission will be able to delegate its functions to the Commissioner and its staff will be employed under Chapter 1A of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*.

Part 3 Miscellaneous

Part 3 (clauses 10–12) excludes certain persons from personal liability, enables the Governor to make regulations for the purposes of the proposed Act and provides for a review by the Premier after 5 years of the effectiveness with which the Commission exercises its functions.

Schedule 1 contains provisions relating to the members and procedure of the Commission that are the standard provisions relating to statutory corporations.

Schedule 2.1 amends the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* to provide for financial auditing and annual reporting by the Commission.

Schedule 2.2 amends the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002* to add the NSW Jobs Commissioner to the list of statutory officers who hold senior executive positions for the purposes of that Act.