



New South Wales

Constitution Amendment (Disclosures by Members) Bill 2014

Explanatory note

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

This bill is cognate with the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Ministerial Code of Conduct) Bill 2014*.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983* to require each Member of Parliament (*Member*) to:

- (a) disclose certain pecuniary interests of any spouse or de facto partner of the Member and any person under the age of 18 years who is dependent on the Member for support, and
- (b) disclose commercial arrangements that relatives of the Member have entered into, or reasonably expect to enter into, with the Government, and
- (c) disclose the Member's annual taxable income.

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 Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983

Schedule 1 [2] extends the disclosures that must be made by Members in relation to certain pecuniary interests. A Member will be required to disclose pecuniary interests of any spouse or de

facto partner of the Member and any person under the age of 18 years who is wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support. A Member will also be required to disclose commercial arrangements that relatives of the Member have entered into, or reasonably expect to enter into, with the Government.

Schedule 1 [3] requires a Member to disclose the Member's annual taxable income assessed under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth.

Schedule 1 [1] and [4]–[20] make consequential amendments.