



New South Wales

Non-profit Bodies (Freedom to Advocate) Bill 2015

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to prohibit and invalidate content (*prohibited content*) in State agreements with non-profit bodies that restricts or prevents those bodies from advocating on State law, policy or practice.

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 certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Clause 4 prohibits an agency of the State from including prohibited content in a State agreement and also provides that where such content has been included in a State agreement, that content is void.

Clause 5 contains the definition of prohibited content.

Clause 6 provides that the proposed Act will apply to all State agreements regardless of whether they were entered into prior to the commencement of the proposed Act. The clause also provides that where a State agreement contains prohibited content immediately before the commencement of the proposed Act, the prohibited content will become void on the commencement of the proposed Act and any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired in relation to that content will continue to exist.

Clause 7 provides a regulation-making power for the purposes of savings or transitional requirements.