

City of Sydney Amendment (Electoral Rolls) Bill 2002

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to clarify that the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land and the roll of occupiers and ratepaying lessees prepared for an election for the City of Sydney lapse after the election for which they are prepared, and
- (b) to provide that information on the lapsed rolls is to be used to prepare a mailout by the Electoral Commissioner to electors, and to corporations and firms that nominated electors, notifying them of the next election and that an application may be needed for inclusion of an elector on the relevant rolls for the next election, and
- (c) to require the Electoral Commissioner to send the mailout at least 60 days before the closing date for enrolment for the election.

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 a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *City of Sydney Act 1988* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Local Government Act 1993* set out in Schedule 2.

Schedule 1 Amendment of City of Sydney Act 1988

Schedule 1 [2] gives effect to the objects stated in the Overview by omitting existing section 18A of the *City of Sydney Act 1988* and by inserting instead:

- (a) section 18A, which provides for the preparation of the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land and the roll of occupiers and ratepaying lessees before an election and the lapsing of those rolls after the election, and
- (b) section 18B, which provides for the Electoral Commissioner to send, at least 60 days before the closing date for an election, a letter to electors, and to corporations and firms that nominated electors, notifying them of the election and that an application may be needed for inclusion of an elector on those rolls for the election, and
- (c) section 18C, which provides for the Council of the City of Sydney to meet the costs of the Electoral Commissioner with respect to the preparation of those rolls.

Schedule 1 [3] inserts a transitional provision in relation to electoral rolls prepared before the commencement of proposed section 18B of the *City of Sydney Act 1988*.

Schedule 1 [1] and [4] make amendments in the nature of statute law revision.

Schedule 2 Consequential amendment of Local Government Act 1993

Schedule 2 makes a consequential amendment to the *Local Government Act 1993*.