

**Environmental Planning and  
Assessment Amendment (Illegal  
Backpacker Accommodation) Bill 2002**

**Explanatory note**

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

**Overview of Bill**

The object of this Bill is to facilitate proof of the use of premises as a backpackers' hostel in proceedings before the Land and Environment Court under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The Bill makes it clear that, in any such proceedings, the Court may rely on circumstantial evidence to establish that particular premises are used as backpackers' accommodation. The new provision includes a note containing a list of examples of relevant circumstantial evidence.

**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 Bill.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* set out in Schedule 1.

**Schedule 1 Amendment**

**Schedule 1** sets out the amendment described in the above overview of the Bill.