

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

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I certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly, Sydney, , 2002



New South Wales

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Act No , 2002

An Act to amend the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in relation to evidence about the use of premises as a backpackers' hostel.

I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment* (*Illegal Backpacker Accommodation*) *Act* 2002.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent.

3 Amendment of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Amendment Schedule 1

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Section 3)

Section 124A

Insert after section 124:

124A Evidence of use of premises as backpackers' hostel

- (1) This section applies to proceedings before the Court under this Act to remedy or restrain a breach of this Act in relation to the use of premises as a backpackers' hostel.
- (2) In any proceedings to which this section applies, the Court may rely on circumstantial evidence to find that particular premises are used as a backpackers' hostel.

Note. Examples of circumstantial evidence include (but are not limited to) the following:

- (a) evidence relating to persons entering and leaving the premises (including the depositing of luggage) that is consistent with the use of the premises for a backpackers' hostel,
- evidence of the premises being advertised expressly or implicitly for the purposes of a backpackers' hostel (including advertisements on or in the premises, newspapers, directories or the Internet),
- (c) evidence relating to internal and external signs and notices at the premises (including price lists, notices to occupants and offers of services) that is consistent with the use of the premises for a backpackers' hostel,
- (d) evidence of the layout of rooms, and the number and arrangement of beds, at the premises that is consistent with the use of the premises for a backpackers' hostel.