

**Protection of the Environment
Operations Amendment (Waste
Reduction) Bill 2006**

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

This Bill is part of a series of proposed legislative and other reforms (the City and Country Environment Restoration Program) that aim to achieve the targets of the NSW Waste Strategy and to promote environmental improvement in New South Wales.

The program includes:

- (a) investment in the Inland Rivers and Wetlands Restoration Program, and
- (b) establishment of new marine parks, and
- (c) implementation of urban sustainability programs, including stormwater harvesting for recycling, waste reduction and increased recycling, and
- (d) establishment of a local government waste reduction scheme for recycling, resource recovery and other reduction of waste, including payments to local councils for achieving waste reduction goals set by the Environment Protection Authority.

The object of this Bill is to enable regulations to be made to give effect to the scheme referred to in paragraph (d).

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.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after all the amendments made by the proposed Act have commenced. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment

Schedule 1 amends Schedule 2 to the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to insert a regulation-making power to enable the establishment and administration of the local council waste reduction scheme referred to in paragraph (d) of the Overview.