



New South Wales

Steel Industry Protection Bill 2016

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to ensure, as far as practicable, that all steel used in public works or infrastructure constructed by or on behalf of public authorities is manufactured in Australia.

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 3 months after the date of assent to this Act unless commenced sooner by proclamation.

Clause 3 defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Clause 4 specifies the object of the proposed Act.

Clause 5 provides that a public authority must not construct any public works involving the use of more than 2 tonnes of steel (*relevant public works*) unless the steel is manufactured in Australia.

Clause 6 provides that a public authority must not contract with another party who undertakes to construct any relevant public works on behalf of the public authority (a *relevant contract*) unless the contract contains a provision requiring any steel used in the construction of the works to be manufactured in Australia.

Clause 7 provides that any party to a relevant contract who undertakes to construct any relevant public works on behalf of a public authority is required to provide a report to the public authority and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (*IPART*) verifying the quantity and origins of any steel used under the contract.

Clause 8 requires a public authority that constructs any relevant public works or is a party to a relevant contract to ensure, as far as is practicable, that the requirements of the proposed Act are complied with.

Clause 9 requires IPART to prepare an annual report regarding the effectiveness of the proposed Act in achieving its objective.

Clause 10 provides that the proposed Act binds the Crown.

Clause 11 enables the Governor to make regulations for the purposes of the proposed Act.

Clause 12 provides for the review of the proposed Act in 5 years.