



New South Wales

Public Lotteries Amendment (Keno Licensing) 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 amend the *Public Lotteries Act 1996 (the Act)*:

- (a) to establish new arrangements for the licensing of keno under which the existing exclusive keno licence will be cancelled and new exclusive keno licences with a term expiring in 2050 will be granted to the existing licensees, and
- (b) to provide transitional arrangements to facilitate the transfer of keno operations from the existing keno licence to the new licences, and
- (c) to insert a definition of *keno*.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Public Lotteries Act 1996 No 86

Schedule 1 [1] and [2] insert a definition of *keno* into the Act.

Schedule 1 [3] inserts provisions for the new arrangements for the licensing of keno, as follows:

- (a) Proposed section 21L provides definitions of *existing keno licence* and *new keno licence*.
- (b) Proposed section 21M authorises the Minister to accept the offer made in the deed poll tabled with this Bill to enter into the Implementation Deed that is annexed to the tabled deed

and that provides for the new keno licensing arrangements. The proposed section also makes it clear that the Minister and the Treasurer are and always were authorised to conduct negotiations and exercise functions for and in connection with the Implementation Deed.

- (c) Proposed section 21N requires the Minister to grant new keno licences as provided by the Implementation Deed. The grant of the new licences is mandated by the proposed section and does not require the approval of the Treasurer. Existing provision for the Minister to require the payment of consideration in connection with the grant of a licence will apply to the new licences.
- (d) Proposed section 21O provides for the revocation of the existing keno licence with effect immediately before the commencement of operations under the new keno licences. The proposed section also continues the operation of existing keno agency agreements.
- (e) Proposed section 21P provides for transitional arrangements, including the continuance of the existing rules for the conduct of games of keno, and the transfer of the existing keno prize fund.