



New South Wales

Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Disclosure of Information) 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 protect persons who lodge complaints about corrupt conduct with the Independent Commission Against Corruption, or who otherwise voluntarily give statements or documents to the Commission, from any criminal or civil liability that might otherwise arise as a result of the complaint, statement or document, including liability for defamation or breach of confidentiality and the taking of disciplinary action by a professional organisation.

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 proposed Act.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 No 35**

Schedule 1 [2] protects a person who voluntarily gives any statement of information, or produces any document or thing, to the Independent Commission Against Corruption in good faith in connection with a complaint or an investigation from civil or criminal liability, and from disciplinary proceedings, in relation to the statement or production.

Schedule 1 [3] remakes and extends an existing provision that gives qualified protection to natural persons from self-incrimination, so that it applies to the making of voluntary statements, and the

voluntary production of documents or things, by a natural person. **Schedule 1 [1] and [4]** make consequential amendments.