



New South Wales

Plastic Shopping Bags (Prohibition on Supply by Retailers) Bill 2018

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to prohibit retailers from supplying plastic shopping bags to their customers.

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 a date that is 6 months after the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 prohibits retailers from supplying certain plastic shopping bags to their customers to carry goods bought, or to be bought, from the retailer. This does not prevent a retailer from charging a customer a fee for the provision of an alternative shopping bag.

Clause 4 provides for the Governor to make regulations under the proposed Act.

Clause 5 provides that notes in the proposed Act do not form part of the Act.

Schedule 1 amends the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the **1997 Act**) to extend the operation of the enforcement provisions of that Act to the proposed Act so that offences by retailers under the proposed Act can be investigated and prosecuted (including by penalty notice) under the 1997 Act.