



New South Wales

# Non-profit Bodies (Freedom to Advocate) Bill 2019

## Explanatory note

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

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to prohibit and invalidate a term (*prohibited term*) in State agreements with non-profit bodies that restricts or prevents those bodies from advocating on State law, policy or practice.

## 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.

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

**Clause 4** defines *prohibited term* for the purposes of the proposed Act.

**Clause 5** prohibits an agency of the State from including a prohibited term in a State agreement and also provides that where such a term has been included in a State agreement, that term is void.

**Clause 6** provides that the proposed Act extends to State agreements entered into before to the commencement of the proposed Act. The clause also provides that where a State agreement contains a prohibited term immediately before the commencement of the proposed Act, the prohibited term will become void on the commencement of the proposed Act and any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired in relation to that term is unaffected.

**Clause 7** provides a regulation-making power for the purposes of savings or transitional requirements.