



New South Wales

Electoral Amendment (Voting Age) Bill 2022

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 *Electoral Act 2017* to—

- (a) entitle persons over the age of 16 years old to vote in elections in New South Wales, and
- (b) exclude persons under the age of 18 years old from the obligation to vote in elections in New South Wales, and
- (c) entitle persons over the age of 14 years old to enrol to vote in New South Wales.

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 Electoral Act 2017 No 66

Schedule 1[1] lowers the age at which a person is entitled to enrol to vote in New South Wales from 16 years of age to 14 years of age.

Schedule 1[3] lowers the age at which a person is entitled to vote in New South Wales from 18 years of age to 16 years of age. **Schedule 1[2], [4]–[9] and [11]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1[10] excludes electors under the age of 18 from the obligation to vote in New South Wales.