

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

Overview of Bill

The Sydney Bethel Union is a charitable organisation which, since 1822, has provided religious and secular instruction and social recreation for seafarers of all nations visiting the Port of Sydney.

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act 1908*:

- (a) to authorise the trustees of the Bethel Union to extend their operations beyond the Port of Sydney so that they can assist seafarers visiting any port in New South Wales, and
- (b) to remove the restriction on the type of facilities the trustees can provide to seafarers, and
- (c) to provide the trustees with a power of investment in accordance with the *Trustee Act 1925*, and
- (d) to enable the trustees to employ or otherwise engage people to assist in the operations of the Bethel Union.

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.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act 1908* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1

Schedule 1 [1], [5], [6] and [8] amend the *Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act 1908* to enable the trustees to extend their operations beyond the Port of Sydney to any port in New South Wales.

Schedule 1 [2] and [3] amend the Act to extend the types of facilities the trustees can provide to seafarers.

Schedule 1 [4] and [7] amend the Act to update outdated language.

Schedule 1 [9] inserts proposed sections 8A, 8B and 8C into the Act. Proposed section 8A enables the trustees to invest money held by them in accordance with the *Trustee Act 1925*. Proposed section 8B enables the trustees to employ or otherwise engage people to assist in the operations of the Bethel Union. Proposed section 8C enables the trustees to make grants to associations, institutions or bodies of persons engaged in mission work among seafarers.