



New South Wales

# Sydney Bethel Union Extension Amendment Bill 2002

## Explanatory note

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 Amendments

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**Schedule 1 [4] and [7]** amend the Act to update outdated language.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



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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act 1908* to enable the trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to provide facilities for seafarers visiting any port in New South Wales; to enable the trustees to invest money in accordance with the *Trustee Act 1925*; to enable the trustees to engage employees and others; and for other purposes.

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<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:</b>	1
<b>1    Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Sydney Bethel Union Extension Amendment Act 2002</i> .	3
<b>2    Commencement</b>	4
This Act commences on the date of assent.	5
<b>3    Amendment of Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act 1908</b>	6
The <i>Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act 1908</i> is amended as set out in Schedule 1.	7
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<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	1
	(Section 3)	2
<b>[1]</b>	<b>Long title</b>	3
	Omit “the Port of Sydney”. Insert instead “any port in New South Wales”.	4
<b>[2]</b>	<b>Section 3 Power to extend operations</b>	5
	Insert “, or on any other lands vested in or acquired by them,” after “vested in them”.	6 7
<b>[3]</b>	<b>Section 3</b>	8
	Omit “the present building so as to provide reading rooms, a lecture hall, a gymnasium, lavatories, and such other accommodation”.	9 10
	Insert instead “any buildings on those lands to provide such facilities”.	11
<b>[4]</b>	<b>Section 3</b>	12
	Omit “seamen”. Insert instead “seafarers”.	13
<b>[5]</b>	<b>Section 3</b>	14
	Omit “the port of Sydney”. Insert instead “any port in New South Wales”.	15
<b>[6]</b>	<b>Section 4 Trustees authorised to sell, and application of proceeds</b>	16
	Omit “the city of Sydney”. Insert instead “New South Wales”.	17
<b>[7]</b>	<b>Section 5 Trustees authorised to lease</b>	18
	Omit “seamen” wherever occurring. Insert instead “seafarers”.	19
<b>[8]</b>	<b>Section 5</b>	20
	Omit “the port of Sydney”. Insert instead “any port in New South Wales”.	21

<b>[9]   Sections 8A–8C</b>	1
Insert after section 8:	2
<b>8A   Investment powers of trustees</b>	3
The trustees may invest any money held by them that is not immediately required for the purposes of this Act in any manner in which trustees are authorised by the <i>Trustee Act 1925</i> to invest trust funds.	4 5 6 7
<b>8B   Power of trustees to employ staff</b>	8
The trustees may employ or otherwise engage persons to assist in providing facilities for seafarers visiting any of the ports in New South Wales.	9 10 11
<b>8C   Power of trustees to make grants</b>	12
The trustees may make grants to any association, institution or body of persons engaged in mission work among seafarers in any port of New South Wales for the purpose of securing the provision of religious and secular instruction and social recreation for those seafarers.	13 14 15 16 17