

# Parking Space Levy Amendment Bill 2000

## 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 *Parking Space Levy Act 1992* and the *Parking Space Levy Regulation 1997* to:

- (a) increase (from \$400 to \$800 per parking space) the rate of the levy payable in respect of parking spaces in the City of Sydney and North Sydney business districts, and
- (b) extend the operation of the Act to certain areas in Bondi Junction, Chatswood, Parramatta and St Leonards at a rate of \$400 per parking space, and
- (c) exempt parking spaces in the areas to which the operation of the Act is to be extended from the levy if they are set aside for or used exclusively by customers of retail shops, restaurants, registered clubs, hotels, motels, medical centres, funeral parlours, car yards and related establishments or for the sale or hire of vehicles.

## 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 1 July 2000.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Parking Space Levy Act 1992* set out in Schedule 1.

**Clause 4** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Parking Space Levy Regulation 1997* set out in Schedule 2.

**Schedule 1 [1], [3] and [7]** and **Schedule 2** give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of the objects outlined above.

The proposed amendments provide for two categories of area under the Act—Category 1 areas and Category 2 areas. The City of Sydney and North Sydney business districts (the areas currently subject to the Act) are defined by the Act and prescribed by the regulations as Category 1 areas. The levy in relation to parking spaces on premises in Category 1 areas is increased from \$400 to \$800 per space per year.

Certain areas in Bondi Junction, Chatswood, Parramatta and St Leonards are prescribed by an amendment to the regulations as Category 2 areas. The amount of levy in relation to parking spaces on premises in Category 2 areas is set at \$400 per space per year.

**Schedule 1 [5]** gives effect to paragraph (c) of the objects outlined above. This item inserts proposed section 7 (2A) into the Act which gives an exemption for parking spaces on premises in Category 2 areas that are set aside for or used exclusively for customers of retail shops, restaurants, registered clubs, hotels, motels, medical centres, funeral parlours, car yards and related establishments or for the sale or hire of vehicles.

**Schedule 1 [2], [4], [6] and [8]–[11]** make amendments of a savings, transitional or consequential nature.