



New South Wales

Sydney Water Catchment Management Amendment (Board Members) Bill 2012

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 *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998* to change the constitution of the Sydney Catchment Authority Board (the *Board*) so as to provide that the members who are appointed by the Minister must each or together have a specific range of relevant qualifications, experience, knowledge and expertise.

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 a day to be appointed by proclamation.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998 No 171

Schedule 1 [1] provides that the members of the Board who are appointed by the Minister must each or together have specified relevant qualifications, experience,

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knowledge and expertise and such other expertise as the Minister considers necessary for the Sydney Catchment Authority to realise its objectives. For example, the specified qualifications and expertise include those relevant to catchment management and protection and water supply planning and asset management.

Currently, the Minister must appoint members to the Board who each or together have expertise in the areas of the protection of the environment and public health and such other expertise as the Minister considers necessary for the Authority to realise its objectives. Two of those appointed members must be nominees of specific stakeholder groups and one other must be an elected councillor of a local government area within the catchment area.

Schedule 1 [2] enables regulations to be made containing savings and transitional provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act. **Schedule 1 [3]** contains specific transitional provisions.