

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996*:

- (a) to provide for the Minister to appoint 7 members of Racing New South Wales (also known as **Racing NSW**) based on selections made from lists of persons recommended for appointment that have been provided to the Minister by a specially established panel (the **Selection Panel**), and
- (b) to provide that the Minister must select persons to fill casual vacancies in the membership of Racing NSW from lists of persons recommended for appointment provided by Racing NSW, and
- (c) to provide that a person is not eligible to be appointed as a member of Racing NSW if the person is currently, or during the previous 12 months has been, either an employee or member of a governing body of a race club, racing association or eligible industry body, and
- (d) to provide that the Selection Panel cannot include a person in a list of persons recommended for appointment as members of Racing NSW if the Panel is satisfied that a relevant pecuniary conflict of interest will result, and
- (e) to provide for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Racing NSW to be appointed by the Minister based on selections made from a list of persons recommended for appointment provided by the Selection Panel, and
- (f) to require the members of Racing NSW not to participate in the making of decisions in which they have a pecuniary conflict of interest and to enable the Minister to remove a member who participates in the making of a decision where he or she has such a conflict of interest or has a relevant continuing conflict of interest, and
- (g) to enact provisions of a savings or transitional nature and make an amendment in the nature of statute law revision.