

## **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 *Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000* as follows:

(a) to increase (from 9 to 11) the maximum number of commissioners that may constitute the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales,

(b) to provide that, of the commissioners, 2 are to be persons who are appointed as representatives of youth from New South Wales and who are not less than 18, and not more than 24, years of age at the time of their appointment,

(c) to clarify that the function of the Commission to provide interpreter or other services approved by the Minister for Citizenship extends to the Commission's provision of such services outside New South Wales.

The Bill also makes amendments by way of statute law revision.

### **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 that gives effect to the amendments to the *Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000* (the **Principal Act**) set out in Schedules 1 and 2.

### **Schedule 1 Principal amendments**

**Schedule 1 [1]** amends section 7 of the Principal Act to increase (from 9 to 11) the maximum number of commissioners that may constitute the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales.

**Schedule 1 [2]** inserts section 7 (1A) which provides for the appointment of 2 persons to the Commission as representatives of youth from New South Wales. These commissioners are to be not less than 18, and not more than 24, years of age at the time of their appointment.

**Schedule 1 [3]** amends section 13 (i) of the Principal Act to clarify that the Commission's function of providing interpreter or other services approved by the Minister for Citizenship extends to the Commission's provision of such services outside New South Wales. (For example, the proposed amendment clarifies that the Commission will be able to provide its Community Media Review Service to the Commonwealth and State Governments and other customers outside New South Wales.)

**Schedule 1 [4]** allows regulations of a savings or transitional nature to be made as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Act.

### **Schedule 2 Amendments by way of statute law revision**

**Schedule 2 [1]–[3]** update references to an Act.