STRATA TITLES (MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1979

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Strata Titles Act, 1973 ("the Act")-

- (a) to provide that when a managing agent affixes the common seal of the body corporate to any instrument or document, he shall, except in certain circumstances involving fraud, be deemed to do so under the authority of a delegation made by that body corporate (Schedule 1 (2));
- (b) to require a body corporate to decide at its first annual general meeting whether a managing agent should be appointed, and if so, what powers, authorities, duties or functions should be delegated to him (Schedule 1 (3) (c));
- (c) to give the Strata Titles Commissioner ("the Commissioner") power in certain circumstances to appoint a person to convene a meeting of a body corporate and to provide that—
 - (i) where a person appointed by the Commissioner convenes any such meeting he shall preside at, and be deemed to be the chairman for, the meeting; and
 - (ii) notice of that meeting need not comply with Schedule 2 to the Act (Schedule 1 (3) (e), (f) and (g));
- (d) to exclude by-laws 1-11 in Schedule 1 to the Act from the by-laws that a body corporate may repeal or amend (Schedule 1 (4));
- (e) to require a lessor of a lot or common property the subject of a strata scheme to provide his lessee with a copy of the by-laws for the strata scheme, if the lot or common property is to be used for residential purposes (Schedule 1 (5));
- (f) to omit the requirement that a notice levying a sinking fund contribution must give details of the purposes of the levy and to provide that a contribution to the sinking fund shall be deemed to have been duly levied notwithstanding that notice of the levy has not been served (Schedule 1 (6));

- (g) for the purpose of its carrying out any work required by a public authority, local council, the Commissioner or a Strata Titles Board ("a Board")—
 - (i) to empower the body corporate for a strata scheme, by its agents, servants or contractors, to enter upon any part of the property subject to the scheme (Schedule 1 (8)); and
 - (ii) to empower the council of any such body corporate to undertake expenditure which exceeds the amount prescribed under the Act the expenditure of which the council is not presently entitled to exceed unless authorised by a special resolution (Schedule 1 (15));
- (h) to permit the appointment of a managing agent during the initial period for a strata scheme to extend until the holding of the first annual general meeting with respect to the scheme (Schedule 1 (9) (a));
- (i) to remove certain restrictions placed on a body corporate during the initial period, where the body corporate consists of only one proprietor who has been suitably authorised by a Board (Schedule 1 (9) (c));
- (j) to remove the liability of the original proprietor for all losses caused by a body corporate exercising powers it is prohibited from exercising during the initial period, where the original proprietor—
 - (i) had no knowledge of the exercise of power;
 - (ii) was not in a position to influence the conduct of the body corporate; or
 - (iii) used all due diligence to prevent the exercise of the power (Schedule 1 (9) (d));
- (k) to extend the period of time which may elapse between the final date of the period covered in the statement of accounts of a body corporate and its annual general meeting from 1 month to 2 months (Schedule 1 (10) (b));
- (1) to permit a body corporate to determine whether amounts paid by way of discharge of insurance claims shall be deposited in its administrative or sinking fund and to require it to so determine (Schedule 1 (10) (e) and (f));
- (m) to remove the requirement that a separate general account be kept by a body corporate and to provide that money previously required to be paid into a general account shall, in future, be paid into the sinking fund of the body corporate (Schedule 1 (10) (h) and (i));
- (n) to provide that where a corporation is a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot—
 - (i) the corporation may authorise an individual to be its company nominee (Schedule 1 (17));
 - (ii) the body corporate shall cause the names of company nominees notified to it to be recorded in the strata roll (Schedule 1 (11) (a));

- (iii) the company nominee of the corporation is eligible to be a member of the council (Schedule 1 (12) (a) and (c)); and
- (iv) unless a company nominee has been appointed, the corporation cannot vote at a meeting of the body corporate (Schedule 1 (18) (b)):
- (o) to require a body corporate to record and maintain in its strata roll, a copy of the current by-laws (Schedule 1 (11) (b));
- (p) to increase the maximum permissible number of members on the council of a body corporate from 7 to 9 (Schedule 1 (12) (b));
- (q) to make provision with respect to resignation from office of the chairman, secretary or treasurer of the council of a body corporate (Schedule 1 (14) (b)):
- (r) to permit a body corporate to appoint a person to exercise certain of the functions of the treasurer of the council of the body corporate jointly with the treasurer (Schedule 1 (14) (e));
- (s) to enable a treasurer of a council of a body corporate, in certain circumstances, to delegate his powers (Schedule 1 (14) (f));
- (t) to require any delegation of powers to a managing agent to be made by a body corporate only in general meeting and to prohibit the delegation to a managing agent by a body corporate, of the power to make a decision on certain restricted matters (Schedule 1 (16) (a) and (d));
- (u) to confirm that a corporation may, and has always been able to, authorise an individual to exercise or perform any power, authority, duty or function that is conferred by or under the Act on the corporation (Schedule 1 (17)):
- (v) to enable a body corporate to insure any property owned by it, in addition to property that it is presently required by the Act to insure (Schedule 1 (19));
- (w) to permit the Commissioner to extend the time he has specified for the making of submissions to him concerning an application seeking an order from him (Schedule 1 (21));
- (x) to empower the Commissioner to make, upon application to him for an order under section 105 (1) of the Act, an interim order in certain cases, notwithstanding that all the requirements for the making of the order sought under section 105 (1) of the Act have not been satisfied and to provide that the term of any such order or any renewal thereof shall not exceed 3 months (Schedule 1 (25));

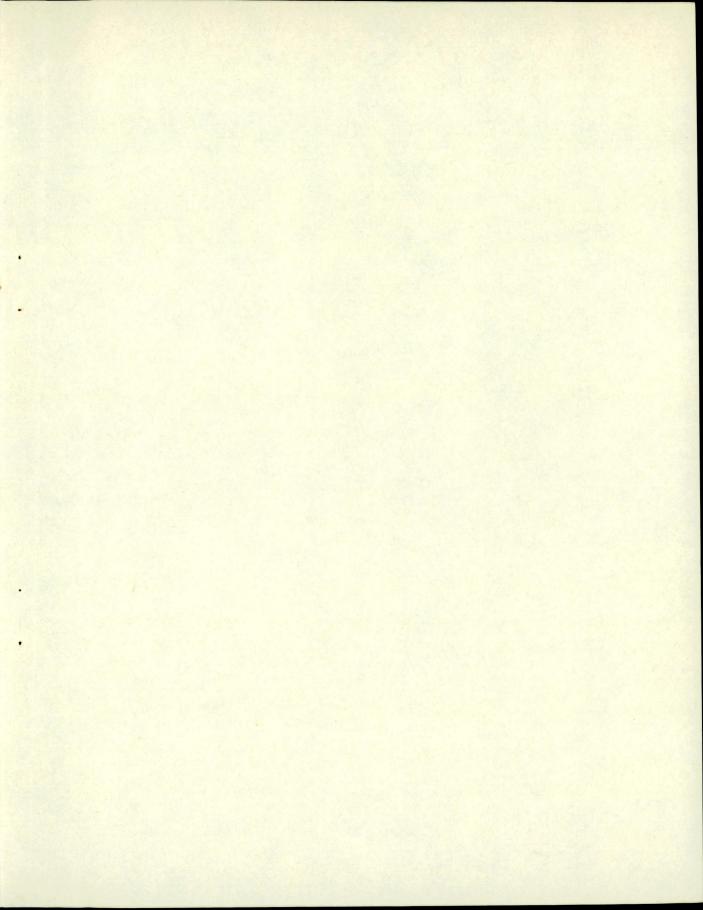
- (y) to empower the Commissioner to make an order—
 - (i) that a body corporate consent to a proposal by a proprietor to repair damage to the common property and, if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, a body corporate has unreasonably failed to do so, that the body corporate make or pursue an insurance claim (Schedule 1 (26) and (27)); or
 - (ii) that a body corporate or the managing agent, chairman, secretary or treasurer of the body corporate make certain information, records or documents available to a person (Schedule 1 (28));
- (z) to limit the grounds of any appeal against an interim order referred to in paragraph (x) of the Commissioner to that of unreasonableness by the Commissioner in making the order (Schedule 1 (30));
- (aa) to require the Commissioner, on payment of a prescribed fee, to supply a person with details of certain orders made under the Act, and of applications for orders made to him but not disposed of (Schedule 1 (33));
- (bb) to specify the method for serving a notice on a person who has possession of certain property of the body corporate, requiring him to deliver that property to the body corporate (Schedule 1 (34));
- (cc) to enable the Commissioner, where he believes that a breach of the Act or by-laws is being or has been committed, to enter on any part of a parcel, upon giving reasonable notice to any occupier of that part (Schedule 1 (35));
- (dd) to alter the by-laws in Schedule 1 to the Act so as to-
 - (i) require notice of a form of motion for each resolution proposed to be considered at a council meeting to be displayed on the notice board or the common property not less than 24 hours before the meeting (Schedule 1 (36) (a));
 - (ii) specify the means by which a meeting of the council may be convened (Schedule 1 (36) (b));
 - (iii) extend the time limit for displaying the minutes of a council meeting on the notice board from 48 hours to 7 days after the meeting has been held (Schedule 1 (36) (e)); and
 - (iv) require the secretary of a body corporate to move at each meeting of the body corporate that the minutes of the prior meeting be confirmed (Schedule 1 (36) (f));
- (ee) to provide in Schedule 2 to the Act that the notice of a general meeting of a body corporate shall—
 - (i) if it is to be an extraordinary general meeting, specify a date for the meeting which occurs not later than 1 month after receipt of the requisition for the meeting (Schedule 1 (37) (a));
 - (ii) if it is to be served on a first mortgagee of a lot, specify the name of the proprietor and address of the lot and the place of the meeting (Schedule 1 (37) (a) and (o)); and

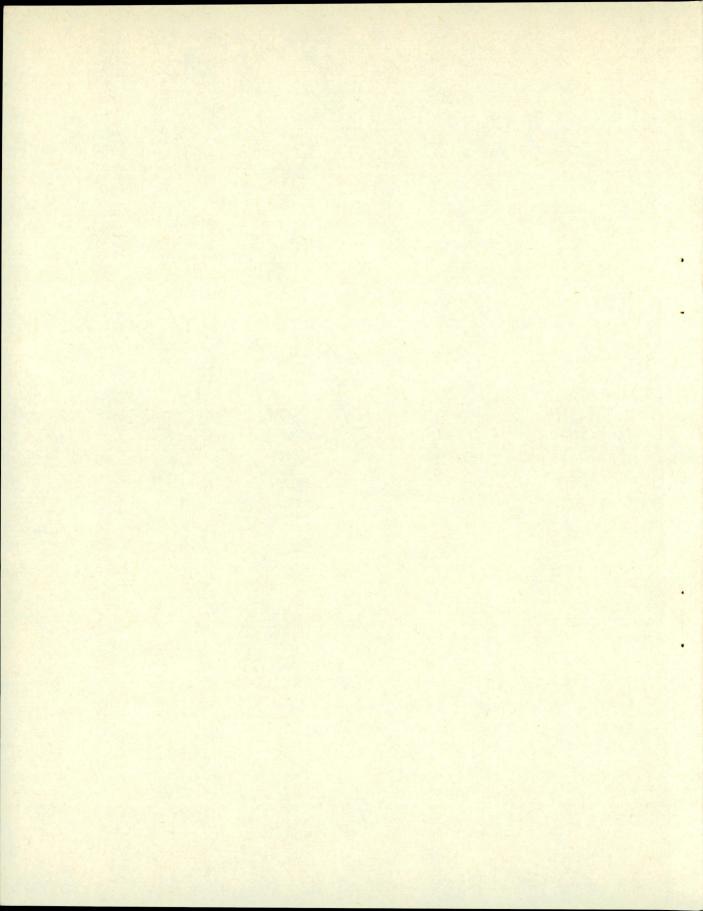
- (iii) be accompanied by a copy of the minutes of the last general meeting (Schedule 1 (37) (c)); and
- (ff) to make other provisions of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.

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STRATA TITLES (MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1979

No. , 1979.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Strata Titles Act, 1973, so as to facilitate the administration and execution of the management provisions of that Act in certain respects.

[MR EINFELD—26 September, 1979.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the "Strata Titles (Management) Short Amendment Act, 1979".
 - 2. (1) Section 1 and this section shall commence on the date Commence of assent to this Act.
- (2) Section 5 and Schedule 1 (1) (b), (7) and (10) (g)10 (i) and (k)-(m) shall commence at the expiration of the period of 3 months commencing with the day appointed and notified pursuant to subsection (5).
- (3) Schedule 1 (33) shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be 15 notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
 - (4) Section 4 shall, in its application to a provision of Schedule 1, commence on the day on which the provision commences.
- (5) Except as provided in subsections (1)-(4), this Act 20 shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
 - 3. The Strata Titles Act, 1973, is referred to in this Act as the Principal Act.
- 25 4. The Principal Act is amended in the manner set forth in Amendment of Act No. 68, 1973.

- **5.** Any amount held to the credit of a general account of a Disposibody corporate at the commencement of this section shall be tion of deemed to be held to the credit of the sinking fund of the body money. corporate.
- 5 6. Any by-law made under section 58 (2) of the Principal Certain by-laws repealed.
 - (a) amends, adds to or repeals any one or more of by-laws 1-11 set forth in Schedule 1 to that Act; or
- (b) is inconsistent with any one or more of those by-laws,10 and if it has not been repealed before the commencement of this section, is hereby repealed.
- 7. Any delegation to a managing agent by a body corporate Certain of its power to make a decision on a restricted matter within the delegations meaning of section 75 of the Principal Act, being a delegation revoked.

 15 made under section 78 (1) of that Act before the commencement of this section, is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 4.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT.

- (1) (a) Section 5 (1), definition of "company nominee"—
- 20 After the definition of "common property", insert:—

 "company nominee", in relation to a corporation,
 means the individual, if any, for the time being
 authorised under section 80A (1) by the
 corporation;
- 25 (b) Section 5 (1), definition of "general account"—
 Omit the definition.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(2) Section 55 (4), (5)—

After section 55 (3), insert :—

- (4) Where a managing agent has affixed the common seal of the body corporate to any instrument or document, he shall be deemed to have done so under the authority of a delegation made under section 78 (1) by the body corporate.
- 10 (5) Subsection (4) shall not operate so as to enable a person to fraudulently obtain a benefit from its operation, but any benefit that accrues to a person from the operation of that subsection shall be deemed not to be fraudulently obtained if the benefit was first obtained by that person without any fraud by him.
 - (3) (a) Section 57 (2) (d)— Omit "and".
 - (b) Section 57 (2) (e)—
 Omit "repealed.", insert instead "repealed; and".
- 20 (c) Section 57 (2) (f)—
 After section 57 (2) (e), insert :—
 - (f) to decide whether a managing agent should be appointed under section 78 (1) by the body corporate and, if a managing agent is to be appointed, which powers, authorities, duties or functions of the body corporate should be delegated to him.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(d) Section 57 (6)—

After "deemed", insert "to be".

(e) Section 57 (6A)— 5

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After section 57 (6), insert :-

(6A) At any time after the meeting convened under subsection (1) has been held, the Commissioner may, pursuant to an application made to him by a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, appoint by order a person, nominated by the proprietor or mortgagee, who has consented to that nomination-

(a) if there is not a council of the body corporate—to convene a meeting of the body corporate within such time as may be specified in the order and a meeting so convened shall, for the purpose of the election of a council, be deemed to be a first annual general meeting of the body corporate; or

treasurer of the council of the body corporate—to convene a meeting of the council of the body corporate within such time as may be specified in the order and a meeting so convened shall be deemed to have been convened by that council.

(b) if there is not a chairman, secretary and

(f) Section 57 (7)—

After "subsection (6)", insert "or (6A)".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(g) Section 57 (7A)—

After section 57 (7), insert :-

- (7A) Notwithstanding Schedule 2, where an order made under subsection (6) or (6A) so provides—
 - (a) the person appointed to convene a meeting of a body corporate by the order shall preside at the meeting and, while he so presides, shall be deemed to be the chairman of the body corporate; and
 - (b) notice of that meeting may be given in the manner specified in the order.

(4) Section 58 (2)—

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After "Schedule 1", insert ", other than by-laws 1-11 set forth in that Schedule,".

(5) Section 58A-

After section 58, insert :-

58A. (1) Where any lot or common property the Copy of subject of a strata scheme is leased, otherwise than to a by-laws to be proprietor of a lot the subject of the strata scheme, for the provided. purpose of its being used as, or in connection with, a residence, the lessor shall, within 7 days after the lessee's becoming entitled under the lease to possession of the lot or common property, provide the lessee, in accordance with subsection (2), with a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force in respect of the strata scheme.

Penalty: \$100.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (2) A lessee is provided with a copy of the bylaws in accordance with this subsection if the copy is—
 - (a) served personally on the lessee;
 - (b) where the lease relates to a lot or common property that is fully enclosed by walls or other structures—left in a conspicuous position at the lot or on the common property; or
 - (c) where the lease relates to a lot—served in the manner provided by section 153 (3) (a) or (b).
- (6) (a) Section 59 (2)—
 Omit the subsection.

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- (b) Section 59 (5)—

 After "fund", insert "and sinking fund".
 - (c) Section 59 (6)—
 After "fund", insert "and sinking fund".
 - (7) (a) Section 62 (5)–(9)—
 Omit the subsections.
- 20 (b) Section 62 (10)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (10) A reference in this section to an appropriate court is a reference—
- (a) in the case of an application where the amount of the payment does not exceed \$500 and except where the title to land is

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

in question otherwise than incidentally—to such court of petty sessions as may be agreed upon by the applicant and the respondent or, in the absence of any such agreement, the court of petty sessions nearest to the parcel;

- (b) in the case of an application where the amount of payment does not exceed \$500 and the title to land is in question otherwise than incidentally—to the District Court of New South Wales;
- (c) in the case of an application where the amount of the payment exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$10,000 and except where the title to land is in question otherwise than incidentally—to the District Court of New South Wales; and
- (d) in any other case—to the Supreme Court.

(8) Section 64 (1) (a1)—

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After section 64 (1) (a), insert :—

- (a1) any work required to be carried out by a body corporate—
 - (i) by a notice served on it by a public authority or local council; or
 - (ii) by an order of the Commissioner or a Board;

(9) (a) Section 66 (1) (d)—

Omit "expiration of the initial period", insert instead "holding of the first annual general meeting of the body corporate".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Section 66 (1)—

Omit "section 67", insert instead "subsection (1A) or section 67".

(c) Section 66 (1A)—

After section 66 (1), insert :—

(1A) A Board may, on an application made to it by a body corporate constituted of one proprietor, make an order authorising the doing, during the initial period, of anything referred to in subsection (1) by the body corporate.

(d) Section 66 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (2) Without affecting any other remedy available against the original proprietor, if a body corporate contravenes subsection (1)—
 - (a) the original proprietor is liable for any loss suffered by the body corporate or any proprietor as a result of the contravention;
 and
 - (b) the body corporate or any proprietor may recover from the original proprietor, as damages for breach of statutory duty, any loss suffered by it or him,

unless-

- (c) the contravention occurred without the knowledge of the original proprietor;
- (d) the original proprietor was not in a position to influence the conduct of the body corporate in relation to the contravention; or

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(e) the original proprietor, being in such a position, used all due diligence to prevent the contravention.

(10) (a) Section 68 (1) (g)—

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After "meetings", insert ", which shall include particulars of motions passed by it at those meetings,".

- (b) Section 68 (1) (h)—
- Omit "one month", insert instead "2 months".
 - (c) Section 68 (1) (i)—

Omit "convene annual general meetings", insert instead "cause annual general meetings to be convened".

15 (d) Section 68 (1) (1)—

Omit "for the depositing therein of", insert instead "into which shall be paid".

(e) Section 68 (1) (1)—

After "section 70", insert "and into which may be paid any amounts paid to the body corporate by way of discharge of insurance claims".

(f) Section 68 (1) (m)—

After "paid" where secondly occurring, insert ", unless the latter amounts have been paid into the administrative fund under paragraph (1)".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (g) Section 68 (1) (n1)—
 Omit "and (m)", insert instead ", (m) and (o)".
- 5 (h) Section 68 (1) (n1)—
 Omit "separate from any account in which any other moneys of the body corporate are kept".
 - (i) Section 68 (1) (o)—
 Omit the paragraph, insert instead :—
- (o) whenever it receives any moneys, other than moneys referred to in paragraph (l) or (m), pay those moneys into the sinking fund;
 - (j) Section 68 (1) (p)—
 Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—
- (p) if the body corporate—

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- (i) becomes liable to pay any moneys that it is unable to pay forthwith; and
- (ii) is not required, under paragraph (n), to levy contributions to meet the liability,

levy, in accordance with section 59, contributions to raise those moneys; and

(k) Section 68 (2) (a) (iii)—Omit the subparagraph.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(1) Section 68 (2) (b)—

Omit ", its sinking fund or its general account", insert instead "or its sinking fund".

(m) Section 68 (3)—

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Omit the subsection.

(n) Section 68 (4)—

After "subsection (1) (j)" wherever occurring, insert "or (k)".

(11) (a) Section 69 (3) (c1)—

After section 69 (3) (c), insert:

- (c1) the name of the company nominee of any corporation that is a proprietor or mortgagee of the lot as shown in notices given to the body corporate for the purposes of section 81 (12);
- (b) Section 69 (4)—

After section 69 (3), insert :-

(4) The body corporate shall record and maintain in the strata roll a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force with respect to the strata scheme concerned.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(12) (a) Section 71 (2)—

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Omit the subsection, insert instead:—

(2) Where there are not more than 3 proprietors, the council shall consist of each proprietor, if any, who is an individual or his nominee, together with the company nominee of each proprietor, if any, which is a corporation.

10 (b) Section 71 (3)—

Omit "seven", insert instead "nine".

(c) Section 71 (5)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (5) A person is not eligible for election as a member of a council unless he is—
 - (a) an individual who is a proprietor;
 - (b) a company nominee of a corporation which is a proprietor; or
 - (c) an individual who is not a proprietor but who is nominated for election by a proprietor who is not a candidate for election.

(d) Section 71 (6)—

After "proprietor" wherever occurring, insert "or company nominee of a corporation which is a proprietor".

(e) Section 71 (7)—

After "proprietor", insert "or company nominee of a corporation".

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(13) Section 72 (1) (b)—

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Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

5 (b) if, where he was not a proprietor at the time of his election or was a company nominee, the individual who nominated him for election or the corporation for which he is a company nominee, as the case may be—

(i) ceases to be a proprietor; or

- (ii) notifies the body corporate, in writing, that his office, as a member of the council, is vacated;
- (14) (a) Section 73 (3) (a)—

 15 Omit "or".
 - (b) Section 73 (3) (a1)—

After section 73 (3) (a), insert :-

- (a1) the receipt by the body corporate from him of notice in writing of his resignation from that office; or
- (c) Section 73 (5) (a)—
 Omit "or" where lastly occurring.
- (d) Section 73 (5) (b)—
 Omit "function.", insert instead "function; or".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(e) Section 73 (5) (c)—

After section 73 (5) (b), insert :—

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(c) a person with whom the treasurer of the body corporate is required by an order of the council to exercise or perform jointly that power, authority, duty or function, and who is enabling the treasurer to comply with the order.

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(f) Section 73 (5A), (5B)—

After section 73 (5), insert :-

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(5A) The treasurer of a body corporate may delegate the exercise or performance of any of his powers (other than this power of delegation), authorities, duties or functions as treasurer, the delegation of which is specifically approved by the council of the body corporate, to another member of the council so approved, subject to such limitations as to time or otherwise as are so approved and, while a delegate is acting in accordance with the terms of a delegation under this subsection, he shall be deemed to be the treasurer of the body corporate.

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(5B) The council of a body corporate may, by a notice in writing served on the treasurer of the body corporate, order that he shall not exercise or perform any of his powers, authorities, duties or functions that are specified in the notice, unless he does so jointly with another person so specified.

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(15) Section 76 (3) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

5 (b) to comply with—

- (i) a notice or order served on the body corporate by any public authority or local council; or
- (ii) an order made with respect to the body corporate by the Commissioner or a Board; or
- (16) (a) Section 78 (1)—

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Omit "A body corporate may,", insert instead "Subject to subsection (1A), a body corporate may, in general meeting and".

(b) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "by instrument in writing" where secondly occurring, insert instead "in like manner".

(c) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "(other than this power of delegation)" wherever occurring.

(d) Section 78 (1A)—

After section 78 (1), insert :—

- (1A) A body corporate may not, under subsection (1), delegate to a managing agent its power to make—
 - (a) a delegation under that subsection; or
 - (b) a decision on a restricted matter within the meaning of section 75.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(17) Section 80A—

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After section 80, insert:

80a. (1) A corporation may, and shall be deemed power for always to have been able to, authorise an individual to individual to individual to exercise or perform on its behalf any power, authority, act for duty or function conferred by or under this Act on the corporate corporation as proprietor or mortgagee of a lot and may and mortrevoke the authority of any individual so authorised.

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- (2) Where an individual exercises or performs a power, authority, duty or function that he is, by a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, authorised pursuant to subsection (1) to exercise or perform, the power, 15 authority, duty or function shall be deemed to be exercised or performed by the proprietor or mortgagee, as the case may be, of the lot.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) or (2) affects any liability or obligation imposed by or under this Act on a corporation which is a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot. 20
- (4) A document under the seal of a corporation purporting to be an authorisation under subsection (1) or to be a revocation of such an authorisation is admissible in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be such an authorisation or revocation, as the 25 case may be.

(18) (a) Section 81 (10) (d)—

Omit "furnish", insert instead "give".

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Section 81 (12), (13)—

After section 81 (11), insert:

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- (12) A vote cast at a meeting of a body corporate by or on behalf of a corporation has no effect unless the body corporate has been given notice in writing specifying the company nominee of the corporation.
- (13) A notice referred to in subsection (12) may be included in any other notice that the corporation to which it relates or any other person is entitled under this section to give to the body corporate.
- (19) Section 84 (3)—

After section 84 (2), insert :-

- 15 (3) The body corporate may insure any property which it is not required to insure pursuant to this Division and in which it has an insurable interest.
 - (20) Section 100 (1)—

Omit "prescribed fee", insert instead "fee prescribed in respect of the application".

(21) Section 101 (1) (d)—

After "notice,", insert "or within a longer time specified in any further notice given by the Commissioner to the body corporate and each of the persons to whom the notice referred to in paragraph (c) was given (which further notice the Commissioner is hereby authorised to give),".

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(22) (a) Section 102 (1)—

After "application" where secondly occurring, insert "and whether or not he has made an order under section 104A (2) pursuant to a request stated in the application".

(b) Section 102 (1) (b)—

Omit "each such notice", insert instead "of each such notice and a copy of any further notice given under section 101 (1) (d)".

- (c) Section 102 (1) (f)—
 Omit "and".
- (d) Section 102 (1) (f1)—

After section 102 (1) (f), insert :—

(f1) a copy of any order made by him under section 104A (2) pursuant to a request stated in the application and of any further request made to him by the applicant to renew that order, if any; and

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(23) Section 103—

After "101 (1) (c)", insert "or (d)".

(24) (a) Section 104 (1)—

Omit the subsection, insert :-

- 25 (1) The Commissioner shall not make an order under this Division, other than an order under section 104A (2), until after—
 - (a) the expiration of the time specified in the notice given under section 101 (1) (c); or

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) where a further notice has been given under section 101 (1) (d)—the expiration of the longer time specified in that notice,

for the making of written submissions with respect to the application seeking the order.

(b) Section 104 (6)—

Omit "An", insert instead "Subject to section 104A (5), an".

(25) Section 104A—

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After section 104, insert:

104A. (1) In this section, "interim order" means an Interim order made under subsection (2).

- (2) Where an applicant for an order under section 105 (1) states in his application that he requests an interim order, the Commissioner may, if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that, by reason of the urgent circumstances of the case, he should do so—
 - (a) make, under this subsection, any order that may be made under section 105 (1) with respect to the application; and
 - (b) before the expiration of 3 months from the date on which it takes effect and upon a further request made by the applicant, renew an interim order that is in force by serving notice in accordance with subsection (6) that the order is renewed.

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- (3) An interim order may be made or renewed notwithstanding—
 - (a) that the Commissioner is of the opinion that the application in which the interim order is requested should be referred to a Board under section 100 (2);
 - (b) that any power or duty of the Commissioner under section 101 (1) has not been exercised or performed with respect to the application;
 - (c) where the Commissioner has given written notice of the application under section 101 (1) (c), that any time specified under section 101 (1) (d) in that or any further notice has not expired; or
 - (d) that any right conferred on the applicant or any other person by section 134 has not been exercised with respect to the application.
- 20 (4) An interim order made pursuant to an application for an order under section 105 (1) ceases to have effect—
 - (a) at the expiration of 3 months from the date on which it takes effect or, where the Commissioner has renewed the interim order, at the expiration of 6 months from that date;
 - (b) where the interim order is revoked by a Board under section 129 (1) (b1) or by the Commissioner under subsection (5)—when it is so revoked; or

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(c) where—

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- (i) a Board, pursuant to section 118 (1), or the Commissioner, makes an order under section 105 (1) with respect to the application; or
- (ii) a Board or the Commissioner dismisses the application,

before the interim order ceases to have effect under paragraph (a) or (b)—when the order is made under section 105 (1) or the application is dismissed, as the case may be.

- (5) The Commissioner may revoke an interim order and, if he does so, he shall serve notice in accordance with subsection (6) that the order has been revoked.
- (6) A notice of the renewal of an interim order or of the revocation of any such order shall be served—
 - (a) except as provided in paragraph (b), on the body corporate for the strata scheme to which the order relates; or
 - (b) where the order requires a person to do or refrain from doing a specified act, on that person.
- (7) A person shall not in, or in connection with, a request for an interim order or for the renewal of any such order, make a statement that he knows is false or misleading in a material respect.

Penalty for an offence against this subsection: \$500.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(26) Section 106—

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Omit "by that proprietor to effect alterations to the common property,", insert instead:—

by that proprietor-

- (a) to effect alterations to the common property; or
- (b) to have carried out repairs to any damage to the common property or any other property of the body corporate,

(27) Section 109A—

After section 109, insert :-

109A. Where, pursuant to an application by a proprietor Order for an order under this section, the Commissioner considers to make that the body corporate for the strata scheme to which the or pursue application relates has unreasonably refused to make or claim. pursue an insurance claim in respect of damage to the building or any other property insured by the body corporate under Division 5 of Part IV, the Commissioner may order the body corporate to make or pursue the claim.

(28) Section 111—

Omit the section, insert instead :-

- 111. Where, pursuant to an application for an order order to under this section, the Commissioner considers that the supply information or application relates, or a managing agent for that strata documents. scheme, or the chairman, secretary or treasurer of that body corporate has wrongfully—
 - (a) withheld from the applicant any information to which he is entitled under this Act; or

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

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(b) failed to make available for inspection by the applicant or his agent any record or document that, under this Act, he is entitled to inspect,

the Commissioner may order that body corporate, managing agent, chairman, secretary or treasurer to supply or make available the information or to make so available the record or document, as the case may require, to the applicant.

(29) Section 118 (1)—

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After "duties" where firstly occurring, insert ", other than under section 104A,".

(30) Section 128 (1A)—

15 After section 128 (1), insert :—

(1A) A person may appeal under this section against an order made by the Commissioner under section 104A
(2) only on the grounds that the Commissioner acted unreasonably by making the order.

20 (31) (a) Section 129 (1) (b)—

Before "may", insert "where the order was made otherwise than under section 104A (2) —".

(b) Section 129 (1) (b)—
Omit "and".

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

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(c) Section 129 (1) (b1)—

After section 129 (1) (b), insert :-

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- (b1) where the order was made under section 104A (2)—may dismiss the appeal or, by order, revoke the order appealed against; and
- (32) (a) Section 142 (1)—

After "Part", insert ", not being an order under section 104 (2),".

(b) Section 142 (2A)—

After section 142 (2), insert :-

(2A) A person shall not contravene an order under section 104A (2) to do or refrain from doing a specified act.

Penalty: \$500.

(c) Section 142 (3)—

After "subsection (1)", insert "or (2A)".

- (33) Section 144A—
- 20 After section 144, insert :—

144A. The Commissioner shall, upon inquiry having Inquiries. been made to him by a person in writing in or to the effect of the prescribed form and upon payment of the fee prescribed in respect of the inquiry—

- 25 (a) by notice in writing, inform that person whether or not—
 - (i) any application (being an application that has not been finally disposed of at a date and time specified in the notice) has been

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

received by the Commissioner for an order under this Act with respect to the strata scheme to which the inquiry relates; or

- (ii) any order has been made under this Act with respect to that strata scheme, being an order of a class prescribed for the purposes of this subparagraph and specified in the inquiry; and
- (b) where any such application has been received by the Commissioner or any such order has been so made, provide in that notice particulars of the application or order, as the case may be.

(34) Section 153 (4)—

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After section 153 (3), insert :—

- (4) Notice under section 73 (6) may be served on a person—
- 20 (a) personally or by post; or
 - (b) by leaving it with a person apparently of or above the age of 16 years at the place of residence or place of business of the firstmentioned person.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(35) Section 154A-

After section 154, insert :-

- 154A. (1) Where the Commissioner believes on Powers of entry of Commissioner in certain cases.
- has been or is being committed upon any part of a parcel, he may, at any reasonable time on reasonable notice given to any occupier of that part of the parcel enter upon that part for the purpose of ascertaining whether that offence or breach has been or is being committed.

(b) a breach of the by-laws,

- (2) When exercising his power under subsection (1), the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, be accompanied by—
 - (a) a member of the council of the body corporate; or
 - (b) the managing agent, if any, of the strata scheme concerned.
 - (3) A person shall not obstruct or hinder—
 - (a) the Commissioner, in the exercise of his power under subsection (1); or
 - (b) a person accompanying the Commissioner in pursuance of subsection (2).

Penalty: \$200.

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

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(36) (a) Schedule 1, by-law 4—

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After "for the meeting", insert "and including a form of motion for each proposed resolution to be considered at the meeting".

(b) Schedule 1, by-law 4A-

After by-law 4, insert :-

4A. The secretary of a body corporate or, in his Council absence, any member of the council shall convene a meetings may be meeting of the council if he is requested so to do by required not less than one-third of the members of the council, to be convened. within the period of time, if any, specified in the request, and, where a member of the council other than the secretary is requested to convene a meeting of the council under this by-law, he may give, on behalf of the council, the notice required to be given under by-law 4.

(c) Schedule 1, by-law 5 (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :—

- (a) by-law 4 has been complied with in relation to any meeting;
- (d) Schedule 1, by-law 6—

After "proprietor", insert "or, where that person is a corporation, any company nominee of the corporation".

(e) Schedule 1, by-law 8—

Omit "forty-eight hours" wherever occurring, insert instead "7 days".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(f) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (a)—

After "corporate", insert "and the submission of a motion for confirmation of the minutes of any meeting of the body corporate at the next such meeting".

- (g) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (b)—

 After "corporate", insert "and of the council".
- (h) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (e)—Omit "and".

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- (i) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (f)—Omit "council.", insert instead "council; and".
- (j) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (g)—

After by-law 10 (f), insert :—

(g) subject to section 57 (1), (6) and (6A), the convening of meetings of the body corporate and of the council.

(37) (a) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (3)-(4A)—

Omit clause 1 (3) and (4), insert instead :-

- 20 (3) Without limiting the power of a council under subclause (2)—
 - (a) the secretary of a council or, in his absence, any member of the council shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of the body corporate as soon as practicable after he receives a requisition for an extraordinary general meeting signed by one or more

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

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persons entitled to vote in respect of one or more lots, the unit entitlement or the sum of the unit entitlements of which is at least one-quarter of the aggregate unit entitlements; and

- (b) where a member of the council other than the secretary receives a requisition to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the body corporate under this subclause, he may give, on behalf of the council, the notice required to be given under subclause (4).
- (4) Notice of a general meeting of a body corporate shall—
 - (a) be served on each proprietor and first mortgagee of a lot, as ascertained from the strata roll, at least 7 days before the meeting;
 - (b) where it is so served on a first mortgagee of a lot, include the name of the proprietor of the lot and the addresses of the lot and the place where the meeting is to be held; and
 - (c) where it is so served pursuant to a requisition referred to in subclause (3) (a), specify a date for the convening of the extraordinary general meeting to which it relates that is not later than 1 month after the date on which the secretary or member, as the case may be, of the council received the requisition.
 - (4A) Nothing in subclause (4) (a) requires a proprietor to serve on himself notice referred to in that subclause.

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

5 (a) include—

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- (i) a form of motion to confirm the minutes of the last general meeting;
- (ii) where the notice is for a meeting required to be convened by a person appointed under section 57 (6A) by reason of there not being a council of a body corporate, a form of motion for the election of a council of the body corporate; and
- (iii) a form of each other motion to be considered at the meeting;
- (c) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

(b) be accompanied by—

 (i) a voting-paper in respect of each motion to be considered and determined at the meeting for use by a person entitled to vote if the person wishes to cast his vote in writing; and

(ii) a copy of the minutes of the last general meeting; and

(d) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (c)—

After ", that he", insert "or, where the notice is addressed to a corporation, that a company nominee of the corporation".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

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- (e) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (c) (ii)—
 Omit "him at", insert instead "the person to whom the notice is addressed at".
- (f) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (1)—

 After "roll", insert "or, where the proprietor so shown is a corporation, the company nominee of that corporation as shown on that roll".
- Omit ", as shown on the strata roll, of a lot", insert instead "of a lot, as shown on the strata roll, or, where the first mortgagee is a corporation, the company nominee, as shown on that roll, of that corporation".
 - (h) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (2)—

 After "proprietor of that lot", insert "or, where that proprietor is a corporation, by the company nominee of that corporation,".
- 20 (i) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (3)—
 Omit "Co-proprietors", insert instead "Notwithstanding section 81 (12), co-proprietors".
 - (j) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (7)— After "(11)", insert "and (12)".
- Omit "he has", insert instead "he or, where the original proprietor is a corporation, a company nominee of the corporation has".

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (1) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 10 (2)—

 Omit "he is", insert instead "the original proprietor is".
- (m) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (1) (b)—

 After "that he", insert "or, where the notice is addressed to a corporation, that a company nominee of the corporation".
- 10 (n) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (1) (b) (ii)—
 Omit "him at", insert instead "the person to whom the notice is addressed at".
 - (o) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (3), (4)—

After clause 3 (2), insert :—

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- 15 (3) Where it is served on a first mortgagee of a lot, notice of the meeting shall include the name of the proprietor of the lot and the addresses of the lot and the place where the meeting is to be held.
- (4) Nothing in this clause requires an original proprietor to serve on himself notice of the meeting.
 - (p) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 4 (3)—

 After "an election", insert "or a company nominee of any such proprietor that is a corporation".
- (q) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (1)—
 After "roll", insert "or, where the proprietor so shown is a corporation, the company nominee of that corporation as shown on that roll".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(r) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (2)—

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Omit ", as shown on the strata roll, of a lot", insert instead "of a lot, as shown on the strata roll, or, where the first mortgagee is a corporation, the company nominee, as shown on that roll, of that corporation".

- (s) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (2)—
- After "proprietor of that lot", insert ", or, where that proprietor is a corporation, by the company nominee of that corporation,".
 - (t) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (3)—

Omit "Co-proprietors", insert instead "Notwithstanding section 81 (12), co-proprietors".

(u) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (7)—

After "(11)", insert "and (12)".

(v) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 11 (2)—

Omit "he has", insert instead "he or, where the original proprietor is a corporation, a company nominee of the corporation has".

(w) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 11 (2)—

Omit "he is", insert instead "the original proprietor is".

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(38) Schedule 4, clause 11 (1) (b)—

Omit "that general meeting", insert instead "the last general meeting of that body corporate held before that day".

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STRATA TITLES (MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1979

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Strata Titles Act, 1973 ("the Act")—

- (a) to provide that when a managing agent affixes the common seal of the body corporate to any instrument or document, he shall, except in certain circumstances involving fraud, be deemed to do so under the authority of a delegation made by that body corporate (Schedule 1 (2));
- (b) to require a body corporate to decide at its first annual general meeting whether a managing agent should be appointed, and if so, what powers, authorities, duties or functions should be delegated to him (Schedule 1 (3) (c));
- (c) to give the Strata Titles Commissioner ("the Commissioner") power in certain circumstances to appoint a person to convene a meeting of a body corporate and to provide that—
 - (i) where a person appointed by the Commissioner convenes any such meeting he shall preside at, and be deemed to be the chairman for, the meeting; and
 - (ii) notice of that meeting need not comply with Schedule 2 to the Act (Schedule 1 (3) (e), (f) and (g));
- (d) to exclude by-laws 1-11 in Schedule 1 to the Act from the by-laws that a body corporate may repeal or amend (Schedule 1 (4));
- (e) to require a lessor of a lot or common property the subject of a strata scheme to provide his lessee with a copy of the by-laws for the strata scheme, if the lot or common property is to be used for residential purposes (Schedule 1 (5));
- (f) to omit the requirement that a notice levying a sinking fund contribution must give details of the purposes of the levy and to provide that a contribution to the sinking fund shall be deemed to have been duly levied notwithstanding that notice of the levy has not been served (Schedule 1 (6));

- (g) for the purpose of its carrying out any work required by a public authority, local council, the Commissioner or a Strata Titles Board ("a Board")—
 - (i) to empower the body corporate for a strata scheme, by its agents, servants or contractors, to enter upon any part of the property subject to the scheme (Schedule 1 (8)); and
 - (ii) to empower the council of any such body corporate to undertake expenditure which exceeds the amount prescribed under the Act the expenditure of which the council is not presently entitled to exceed unless authorised by a special resolution (Schedule 1 (15));
- (h) to permit the appointment of a managing agent during the initial period for a strata scheme to extend until the holding of the first annual general meeting with respect to the scheme (Schedule 1 (9) (a));
- (i) to remove certain restrictions placed on a body corporate during the initial period, where the body corporate consists of only one proprietor who has been suitably authorised by a Board (Schedule 1 (9) (c));
- (j) to remove the liability of the original proprietor for all losses caused by a body corporate exercising powers it is prohibited from exercising during the initial period, where the original proprietor—
 - (i) had no knowledge of the exercise of power;
 - (ii) was not in a position to influence the conduct of the body corporate; or
 - (iii) used all due diligence to prevent the exercise of the power (Schedule 1 (9) (d));
- (k) to extend the period of time which may elapse between the final date of the period covered in the statement of accounts of a body corporate and its annual general meeting from 1 month to 2 months (Schedule 1 (10) (b));
- (1) to permit a body corporate to determine whether amounts paid by way of discharge of insurance claims shall be deposited in its administrative or sinking fund and to require it to so determine (Schedule 1 (10) (e) and (f));
- (m) to remove the requirement that a separate general account be kept by a body corporate and to provide that money previously required to be paid into a general account shall, in future, be paid into the sinking fund of the body corporate (Schedule 1 (10) (h) and (i));
- (n) to provide that where a corporation is a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot—
 - (i) the corporation may authorise an individual to be its company nominee (Schedule 1 (17));
 - (ii) the body corporate shall cause the names of company nominees notified to it to be recorded in the strata roll (Schedule 1 (11) (a));

- (iii) the company nominee of the corporation is eligible to be a member of the council (Schedule 1 (12) (a) and (c)); and
- (iv) unless a company nominee has been appointed, the corporation cannot vote at a meeting of the body corporate (Schedule 1 (18) (b));
 - (o) to require a body corporate to record and maintain in its strata roll, a copy of the current by-laws (Schedule 1 (11) (b));
 - (p) to increase the maximum permissible number of members on the council of a body corporate from 7 to 9 (Schedule 1 (12) (b));
 - (q) to make provision with respect to resignation from office of the chairman, secretary or treasurer of the council of a body corporate (Schedule 1 (14) (b));
 - (r) to permit a body corporate to appoint a person to exercise certain of the functions of the treasurer of the council of the body corporate jointly with the treasurer (Schedule 1 (14) (e));
 - (s) to enable a treasurer of a council of a body corporate, in certain circumstances, to delegate his powers (Schedule 1 (14) (f));
 - (t) to require any delegation of powers to a managing agent to be made by a body corporate only in general meeting and to prohibit the delegation to a managing agent by a body corporate, of the power to make a decision on certain restricted matters (Schedule 1 (16) (a) and (d));
 - (u) to confirm that a corporation may, and has always been able to, authorise an individual to exercise or perform any power, authority, duty or function that is conferred by or under the Act on the corporation (Schedule 1 (17));
 - (v) to enable a body corporate to insure any property owned by it, in addition to property that it is presently required by the Act to insure (Schedule 1 (19));
 - (w) to permit the Commissioner to extend the time he has specified for the making of submissions to him concerning an application seeking an order from him (Schedule 1 (21));
- (x) to empower the Commissioner to make, upon application to him for an order under section 105 (1) of the Act, an interim order in certain cases, notwithstanding that all the requirements for the making of the order sought under section 105 (1) of the Act have not been satisfied and to provide that the term of any such order or any renewal thereof shall not exceed 3 months (Schedule 1 (25));

- (y) to empower the Commissioner to make an order—
 - (i) that a body corporate consent to a proposal by a proprietor to repair damage to the common property and, if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, a body corporate has unreasonably failed to do so, that the body corporate make or pursue an insurance claim (Schedule 1 (26) and (27)); or
 - (ii) that a body corporate or the managing agent, chairman, secretary or treasurer of the body corporate make certain information, records or documents available to a person (Schedule 1 (28));
- (z) to limit the grounds of any appeal against an interim order referred to in paragraph (x) of the Commissioner to that of unreasonableness by the Commissioner in making the order (Schedule 1 (30));
- (aa) to require the Commissioner, on payment of a prescribed fee, to supply a person with details of certain orders made under the Act, and of applications for orders made to him but not disposed of (Schedule 1 (33));
- (bb) to specify the method for serving a notice on a person who has possession of certain property of the body corporate, requiring him to deliver that property to the body corporate (Schedule 1 (34));
- (cc) to enable the Commissioner, where he believes that a breach of the Act or by-laws is being or has been committed, to enter on any part of a parcel, upon giving reasonable notice to any occupier of that part (Schedule 1 (35));
- (dd) to alter the by-laws in Schedule 1 to the Act so as to-
 - (i) require notice of a form of motion for each resolution proposed to be considered at a council meeting to be displayed on the notice board or the common property not less than 24 hours before the meeting (Schedule 1 (36) (a));
 - (ii) specify the means by which a meeting of the council may be convened (Schedule 1 (36) (b));
 - (iii) extend the time limit for displaying the minutes of a council meeting on the notice board from 48 hours to 7 days after the meeting has been held (Schedule 1 (36) (e)); and
 - (iv) require the secretary of a body corporate to move at each meeting of the body corporate that the minutes of the prior meeting be confirmed (Schedule 1 (36) (f));
- (ee) to provide in Schedule 2 to the Act that the notice of a general meeting of a body corporate shall—
 - (i) if it is to be an extraordinary general meeting, specify a date for the meeting which occurs not later than 1 month after receipt of the requisition for the meeting (Schedule 1 (37) (a));
 - (ii) if it is to be served on a first mortgagee of a lot, specify the name of the proprietor and address of the lot and the place of the meeting (Schedule 1 (37) (a) and (o)); and

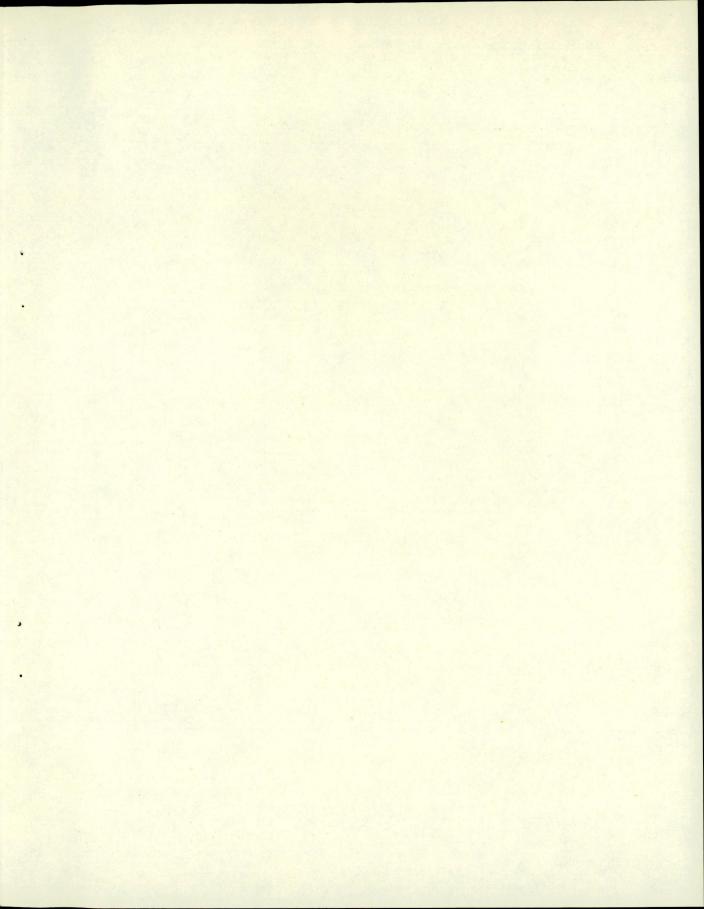
- (iii) be accompanied by a copy of the minutes of the last general meeting (Schedule 1 (37) (c)); and
- (ff) to make other provisions of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.

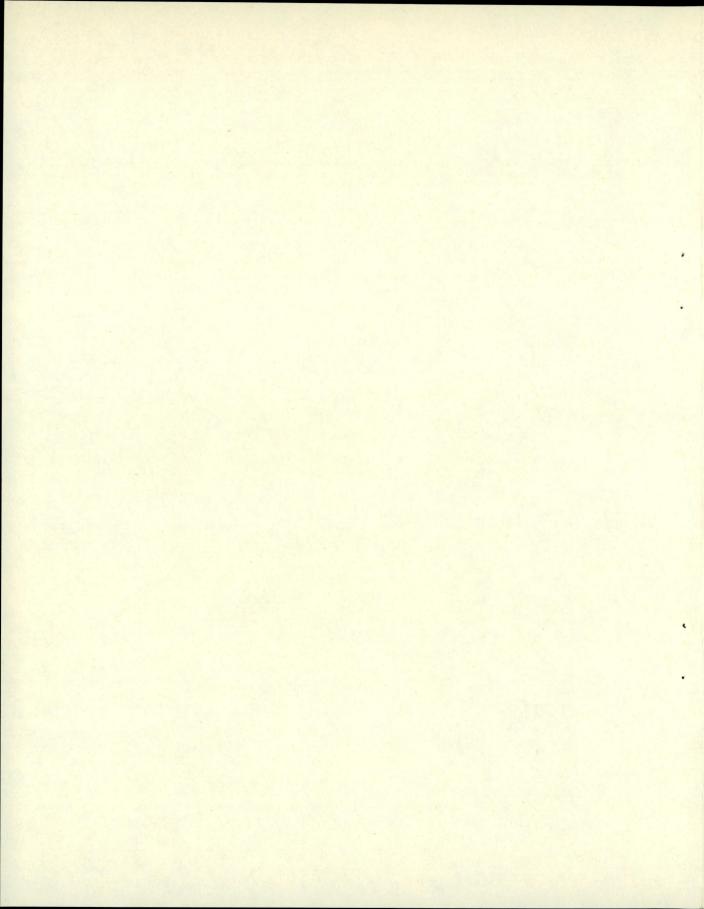
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STRATA TITLES (MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1979

No. , 1979.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Strata Titles Act, 1973, so as to facilitate the administration and execution of the management provisions of that Act in certain respects.

[MR EINFELD—26 September, 1979.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the "Strata Titles (Management) Short Amendment Act, 1979".
 - 2. (1) Section 1 and this section shall commence on the date Commence-of assent to this Act.
- (2) Section 5 and Schedule 1 (1) (b), (7) and (10) (g)-10 (i) and (k)-(m) shall commence at the expiration of the period of 3 months commencing with the day appointed and notified pursuant to subsection (5).
- (3) Schedule 1 (33) shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be 15 notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
 - (4) Section 4 shall, in its application to a provision of Schedule 1, commence on the day on which the provision commences.
- (5) Except as provided in subsections (1)-(4), this Act 20 shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
 - 3. The Strata Titles Act, 1973, is referred to in this Act as the Principal Act.

 Amendment of Act No. 68, 1973
- 25 4. The Principal Act is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

- 5. Any amount held to the credit of a general account of a Disposibody corporate at the commencement of this section shall be tion of deemed to be held to the credit of the sinking fund of the body money. corporate.
- 5 6. Any by-law made under section 58 (2) of the Principal Certain by-laws repealed.
 - (a) amends, adds to or repeals any one or more of by-laws 1-11 set forth in Schedule 1 to that Act; or
- (b) is inconsistent with any one or more of those by-laws, 10 and if it has not been repealed before the commencement of this section, is hereby repealed.
- Any delegation to a managing agent by a body corporate Certain of its power to make a decision on a restricted matter within the delegations meaning of section 75 of the Principal Act, being a delegation revoked.
 made under section 78 (1) of that Act before the commencement of this section, is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 4.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT.

- (1) (a) Section 5 (1), definition of "company nominee"—
- 20 After the definition of "common property", insert:

 "company nominee", in relation to a corporation,
 means the individual, if any, for the time being
 authorised under section 80A (1) by the
 corporation;
- 25 (b) Section 5 (1), definition of "general account"—
 Omit the definition.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(2) Section 55 (4), (5)—

After section 55 (3), insert :—

- 5 (4) Where a managing agent has affixed the common seal of the body corporate to any instrument or document, he shall be deemed to have done so under the authority of a delegation made under section 78 (1) by the body corporate.
- 10 (5) Subsection (4) shall not operate so as to enable a person to fraudulently obtain a benefit from its operation, but any benefit that accrues to a person from the operation of that subsection shall be deemed not to be fraudulently obtained if the benefit was first obtained by that person without any fraud by him.
 - (3) (a) Section 57 (2) (d)—Omit "and".
 - (b) Section 57 (2) (e)—

Omit "repealed.", insert instead "repealed; and".

20 (c) Section 57 (2) (f)—

After section 57 (2) (e), insert :-

(f) to decide whether a managing agent should be appointed under section 78 (1) by the body corporate and, if a managing agent is to be appointed, which powers, authorities, duties or functions of the body corporate should be delegated to him.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(d) Section 57 (6)—

After "deemed", insert "to be".

(e) Section 57 (6A)—

After section 57 (6), insert :—

- (6A) At any time after the meeting convened under subsection (1) has been held, the Commissioner may, pursuant to an application made to him by a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, appoint by order a person, nominated by the proprietor or mortgagee, who has consented to that nomination—
 - (a) if there is not a council of the body corporate—to convene a meeting of the body corporate within such time as may be specified in the order and a meeting so convened shall, for the purpose of the election of a council, be deemed to be a first annual general meeting of the body corporate; or
 - (b) if there is not a chairman, secretary and treasurer of the council of the body corporate—to convene a meeting of the council of the body corporate within such time as may be specified in the order and a meeting so convened shall be deemed to have been convened by that council.

(f) Section 57 (7)—

After "subsection (6)", insert "or (6A)".

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SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(g) Section 57 (7A)—

After section 57 (7), insert :-

- (7A) Notwithstanding Schedule 2, where an order made under subsection (6) or (6A) so provides—
 - (a) the person appointed to convene a meeting of a body corporate by the order shall preside at the meeting and, while he so presides, shall be deemed to be the chairman of the body corporate; and
 - (b) notice of that meeting may be given in the manner specified in the order.

(4) Section 58 (2)—

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After "Schedule 1", insert ", other than by-laws 1-11 set forth in that Schedule,".

(5) Section 58A-

After section 58, insert :-

subject of a strata scheme is leased, otherwise than to a by-laws to be proprietor of a lot the subject of the strata scheme, for the provided. purpose of its being used as, or in connection with, a residence, the lessor shall, within 7 days after the lessee's becoming entitled under the lease to possession of the lot or common property, provide the lessee, in accordance with subsection (2), with a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force in respect of the strata scheme.

Penalty: \$100.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (2) A lessee is provided with a copy of the bylaws in accordance with this subsection if the copy is—
 - (a) served personally on the lessee;
 - (b) where the lease relates to a lot or common property that is fully enclosed by walls or other structures—left in a conspicuous position at the lot or on the common property; or
- (c) where the lease relates to a lot—served in the manner provided by section 153 (3) (a) or (b).
- (6) (a) Section 59 (2)—
 Omit the subsection.

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- (b) Section 59 (5)—After "fund", insert "and sinking fund".
 - (c) Section 59 (6)—
 After "fund", insert "and sinking fund".
 - (7) (a) Section 62 (5)-(9)—
 Omit the subsections.
- 20 (b) Section 62 (10)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (10) A reference in this section to an appropriate court is a reference—
- (a) in the case of an application where the amount of the payment does not exceed \$500 and except where the title to land is

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

in question otherwise than incidentally to such court of petty sessions as may be agreed upon by the applicant and the respondent or, in the absence of any such agreement, the court of petty sessions nearest to the parcel;

- (b) in the case of an application where the amount of payment does not exceed \$500 and the title to land is in question otherwise than incidentally—to the District Court of New South Wales;
- (c) in the case of an application where the amount of the payment exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$10,000 and except where the title to land is in question otherwise than incidentally—to the District Court of New South Wales; and
- (d) in any other case—to the Supreme Court.

(8) Section 64 (1) (a1)—

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After section 64 (1) (a), insert :—

- (a1) any work required to be carried out by a body corporate—
 - (i) by a notice served on it by a public authority or local council; or
 - (ii) by an order of the Commissioner or a Board;

(9) (a) Section 66 (1) (d)—

Omit "expiration of the initial period", insert instead "holding of the first annual general meeting of the body corporate".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Section 66 (1)—

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Omit "section 67", insert instead "subsection (1A) or section 67".

(c) Section 66 (1A)—

After section 66 (1), insert:

(1A) A Board may, on an application made to it by a body corporate constituted of one proprietor, make an order authorising the doing, during the initial period, of anything referred to in subsection (1) by the body corporate.

(d) Section 66 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (2) Without affecting any other remedy available against the original proprietor, if a body corporate contravenes subsection (1)—
 - (a) the original proprietor is liable for any loss suffered by the body corporate or any proprietor as a result of the contravention; and
 - (b) the body corporate or any proprietor may recover from the original proprietor, as damages for breach of statutory duty, any loss suffered by it or him,

unless-

- (c) the contravention occurred without the knowledge of the original proprietor;
- (d) the original proprietor was not in a position to influence the conduct of the body corporate in relation to the contravention; or

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(e) the original proprietor, being in such a position, used all due diligence to prevent the contravention.

(10) (a) Section 68 (1) (g)—

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After "meetings", insert ", which shall include particulars of motions passed by it at those meetings,".

- (b) Section 68 (1) (h)—
- Omit "one month", insert instead "2 months".
 - (c) Section 68 (1) (i)—

Omit "convene annual general meetings", insert instead "cause annual general meetings to be convened".

15 (d) Section 68 (1) (1)—

Omit "for the depositing therein of", insert instead "into which shall be paid".

(e) Section 68 (1) (1)—

After "section 70", insert "and into which may be paid any amounts paid to the body corporate by way of discharge of insurance claims".

(f) Section 68 (1) (m)—

After "paid" where secondly occurring, insert ", unless the latter amounts have been paid into the administrative fund under paragraph (1)".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (g) Section 68 (1) (n1)—
 Omit "and (m)", insert instead ", (m) and (o)".
- 5 (h) Section 68 (1) (n1)—
 Omit "separate from any account in which any other moneys of the body corporate are kept".
 - (i) Section 68 (1) (o)—
 Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—
- (o) whenever it receives any moneys, other than moneys referred to in paragraph (1) or (m), pay those moneys into the sinking fund;
 - (j) Section 68 (1) (p)—
 Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—
- (p) if the body corporate—

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- (i) becomes liable to pay any moneys that it is unable to pay forthwith; and
- (ii) is not required, under paragraph (n), to levy contributions to meet the liability,

levy, in accordance with section 59, contributions to raise those moneys; and

(k) Section 68 (2) (a) (iii)—
Omit the subparagraph.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(1) Section 68 (2) (b)—

Omit ", its sinking fund or its general account", insert instead "or its sinking fund".

(m) Section 68 (3)—

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Omit the subsection.

(n) Section 68 (4)—

After "subsection (1) (j)" wherever occurring, insert "or (k)".

(11) (a) Section 69 (3) (c1)—

After section 69 (3) (c), insert:—

- (c1) the name of the company nominee of any corporation that is a proprietor or mortgagee of the lot as shown in notices given to the body corporate for the purposes of section 81 (12);
- (b) Section 69 (4)—

After section 69 (3), insert :—

(4) The body corporate shall record and maintain in the strata roll a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force with respect to the strata scheme concerned.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(12) (a) Section 71 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

(2) Where there are not more than 3 proprietors, the council shall consist of each proprietor, if any, who is an individual or his nominee, together with the company nominee of each proprietor, if any, which is a corporation.

10 (b) Section 71 (3)—

Omit "seven", insert instead "nine".

(c) Section 71 (5)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (5) A person is not eligible for election as a member of a council unless he is—
 - (a) an individual who is a proprietor;
 - (b) a company nominee of a corporation which is a proprietor; or
 - (c) an individual who is not a proprietor but who is nominated for election by a proprietor who is not a candidate for election.

(d) Section 71 (6)—

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After "proprietor" wherever occurring, insert "or company nominee of a corporation which is a proprietor".

(e) Section 71 (7)—

After "proprietor", insert "or company nominee of a corporation".

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(13) Section 72 (1) (b)—

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Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

- (b) if, where he was not a proprietor at the time of his election or was a company nominee, the individual who nominated him for election or the corporation for which he is a company nominee, as the case may be—
 - (i) ceases to be a proprietor; or
 - (ii) notifies the body corporate, in writing, that his office, as a member of the council, is vacated;
- (14) (a) Section 73 (3) (a)—

 15 Omit "or".
 - (b) Section 73 (3) (a1)—

After section 73 (3) (a), insert :—

- (a1) the receipt by the body corporate from him of notice in writing of his resignation from that office; or
- (c) Section 73 (5) (a)—
 Omit "or" where lastly occurring.
- (d) Section 73 (5) (b)—
 Omit "function.", insert instead "function; or".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(e) Section 73 (5) (c)—

After section 73 (5) (b), insert:—

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(c) a person with whom the treasurer of the body corporate is required by an order of the council to exercise or perform jointly that power, authority, duty or function, and who is enabling the treasurer to comply with the order.

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(f) Section 73 (5A), (5B)—

After section 73 (5), insert :-

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(5A) The treasurer of a body corporate may delegate the exercise or performance of any of his powers (other than this power of delegation), authorities, duties or functions as treasurer, the delegation of which is specifically approved by the council of the body corporate, to another member of the council so approved, subject to such limitations as to time or otherwise as are so approved and, while a delegate is acting in accordance with the terms of a delegation under this subsection, he shall be deemed to be the treasurer of the body corporate.

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(5B) The council of a body corporate may, by a notice in writing served on the treasurer of the body corporate, order that he shall not exercise or perform any of his powers, authorities, duties or functions that are specified in the notice, unless he does so jointly with another person so specified.

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(15) Section 76 (3) (b)—

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Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

- (b) to comply with—
 - (i) a notice or order served on the body corporate by any public authority or local council; or
- (ii) an order made with respect to the body corporate by the Commissioner or a Board; or
- (16) (a) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "A body corporate may,", insert instead "Subject to subsection (1A), a body corporate may, in general meeting and".

(b) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "by instrument in writing" where secondly occurring, insert instead "in like manner".

(c) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "(other than this power of delegation)" wherever occurring.

(d) Section 78 (1A)—

After section 78 (1), insert :-

- (1A) A body corporate may not, under subsection (1), delegate to a managing agent its power to make—
 - (a) a delegation under that subsection; or
 - (b) a decision on a restricted matter within the meaning of section 75.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(17) Section 80A—

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After section 80, insert :-

80a. (1) A corporation may, and shall be deemed Power for always to have been able to, authorise an individual to individual to exercise or perform on its behalf any power, authority, act for duty or function conferred by or under this Act on the corporate corporation as proprietor or mortgagee of a lot and may and mortrevoke the authority of any individual so authorised.

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- (2) Where an individual exercises or performs a power, authority, duty or function that he is, by a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, authorised pursuant to subsection (1) to exercise or perform, the power, authority, duty or function shall be deemed to be exercised or performed by the proprietor or mortgagee, as the case may be, of the lot.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) or (2) affects any liability or obligation imposed by or under this Act on a corporation which is a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot.
- (4) A document under the seal of a corporation purporting to be an authorisation under subsection (1) or to be a revocation of such an authorisation is admissible in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be such an authorisation or revocation, as the case may be.

(18) (a) Section 81 (10) (d)—

Omit "furnish", insert instead "give".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Section 81 (12), (13)—

After section 81 (11), insert :—

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- (12) A vote cast at a meeting of a body corporate by or on behalf of a corporation has no effect unless the body corporate has been given notice in writing specifying the company nominee of the corporation.
- (13) A notice referred to in subsection (12) may be included in any other notice that the corporation to which it relates or any other person is entitled under this section to give to the body corporate.

(19) Section 84 (3)—

After section 84 (2), insert:—

15 (3) The body corporate may insure any property which it is not required to insure pursuant to this Division and in which it has an insurable interest.

(20) Section 100 (1)—

Omit "prescribed fee", insert instead "fee prescribed in respect of the application".

(21) Section 101 (1) (d)—

After "notice,", insert "or within a longer time specified in any further notice given by the Commissioner to the body corporate and each of the persons to whom the notice referred to in paragraph (c) was given (which further notice the Commissioner is hereby authorised to give),".

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(22) (a) Section 102 (1)—

After "application" where secondly occurring, insert "and whether or not he has made an order under section 104A (2) pursuant to a request stated in the application".

(b) Section 102 (1) (b)—

Omit "each such notice", insert instead "of each such notice and a copy of any further notice given under section 101 (1) (d)".

(c) Section 102 (1) (f)—
Omit "and".

(d) Section 102 (1) (f1)—

After section 102 (1) (f), insert :—

(f1) a copy of any order made by him under section 104A (2) pursuant to a request stated in the application and of any further request made to him by the applicant to renew that order, if any; and

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(23) Section 103—

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After "101 (1) (c)", insert "or (d)".

(24) (a) Section 104 (1)—

Omit the subsection, insert :-

- (1) The Commissioner shall not make an order under this Division, other than an order under section 104A (2), until after—
 - (a) the expiration of the time specified in the notice given under section 101 (1) (c); or

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) where a further notice has been given under section 101 (1) (d)—the expiration of the longer time specified in that notice,

for the making of written submissions with respect to the application seeking the order.

(b) Section 104 (6)—

Omit "An", insert instead "Subject to section 104A (5), an".

(25) Section 104A—

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After section 104, insert :-

- 104A. (1) In this section, "interim order" means an Interim order made under subsection (2).
- 15 (2) Where an applicant for an order under section 105 (1) states in his application that he requests an interim order, the Commissioner may, if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that, by reason of the urgent circumstances of the case, he should do so—
 - (a) make, under this subsection, any order that may be made under section 105 (1) with respect to the application; and
 - (b) before the expiration of 3 months from the date on which it takes effect and upon a further request made by the applicant, renew an interim order that is in force by serving notice in accordance with subsection (6) that the order is renewed.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (3) An interim order may be made or renewed notwithstanding—
 - (a) that the Commissioner is of the opinion that the application in which the interim order is requested should be referred to a Board under section 100 (2);
 - (b) that any power or duty of the Commissioner under section 101 (1) has not been exercised or performed with respect to the application;
 - (c) where the Commissioner has given written notice of the application under section 101 (1) (c), that any time specified under section 101 (1) (d) in that or any further notice has not expired; or
 - (d) that any right conferred on the applicant or any other person by section 134 has not been exercised with respect to the application.
- 20 (4) An interim order made pursuant to an application for an order under section 105 (1) ceases to have effect—
 - (a) at the expiration of 3 months from the date on which it takes effect or, where the Commissioner has renewed the interim order, at the expiration of 6 months from that date;
 - (b) where the interim order is revoked by a Board under section 129 (1) (b1) or by the Commissioner under subsection (5)—when it is so revoked: or

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(c) where— I com relate mineral n.k. (d)

- (i) a Board, pursuant to section 118 (1), or the Commissioner, makes an order under section 105 (1) with respect to the application; or
- (ii) a Board or the Commissioner dismisses the application,

before the interim order ceases to have effect under paragraph (a) or (b)—when the order is made under section 105 (1) or the application is dismissed, as the case may be.

- (5) The Commissioner may revoke an interim order and, if he does so, he shall serve notice in accordance with subsection (6) that the order has been revoked.
- (6) A notice of the renewal of an interim order or of the revocation of any such order shall be served—
 - (a) except as provided in paragraph (b), on the body corporate for the strata scheme to which the order relates; or
 - (b) where the order requires a person to do or refrain from doing a specified act, on that person.
- (7) A person shall not in, or in connection with, a request for an interim order or for the renewal of any such order, make a statement that he knows is false or misleading in a material respect.

Penalty for an offence against this subsection: \$500.

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(26) Section 106— and oldstars salaring holist

Omit "by that proprietor to effect alterations to the common property,", insert instead:—

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- (a) to effect alterations to the common property; or
- (b) to have carried out repairs to any damage to the common property or any other property of the body corporate,

(27) Section 109A-

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After section 109, insert:

109A. Where, pursuant to an application by a proprietor Order for an order under this section, the Commissioner considers to make that the body corporate for the strata scheme to which the or pursue application relates has unreasonably refused to make or pursue an insurance claim in respect of damage to the building or any other property insured by the body corporate under Division 5 of Part IV, the Commissioner may order the body corporate to make or pursue the claim.

(28) Section 111—

Omit the section, insert instead:—

- 111. Where, pursuant to an application for an order Order to under this section, the Commissioner considers that the supply information or application relates, or a managing agent for that strata documents. scheme, or the chairman, secretary or treasurer of that body corporate has wrongfully—
 - (a) withheld from the applicant any information to which he is entitled under this Act; or

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) failed to make available for inspection by the applicant or his agent any record or document that, under this Act, he is entitled to inspect,

the Commissioner may order that body corporate, managing agent, chairman, secretary or treasurer to supply or make available the information or to make so available the record or document, as the case may require, to the applicant.

(29) Section 118 (1)—

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After "duties" where firstly occurring, insert ", other than under section 104A,".

(30) Section 128 (1A)—

15 After section 128 (1), insert:—

(1A) A person may appeal under this section against an order made by the Commissioner under section 104A (2) only on the grounds that the Commissioner acted unreasonably by making the order.

20 (31) (a) Section 129 (1) (b)—

Before "may", insert "where the order was made otherwise than under section 104A (2) —".

(b) Section 129 (1) (b)—
Omit "and".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(c) Section 129 (1) (b1)—

After section 129 (1) (b), insert :—

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- (b1) where the order was made under section 104A (2)—may dismiss the appeal or, by order, revoke the order appealed against; and
- (32) (a) Section 142 (1)—

After "Part", insert ", not being an order under section 104A (2),".

(b) Section 142 (2A)—

After section 142 (2), insert :-

(2A) A person shall not contravene an order under section 104A (2) to do or refrain from doing a specified act.

Penalty: \$500.

(c) Section 142 (3)—

After "subsection (1)", insert "or (2A)".

- (33) Section 144A-
- 20 After section 144, insert :—

144A. The Commissioner shall, upon inquiry having Inquiries. been made to him by a person in writing in or to the effect of the prescribed form and upon payment of the fee prescribed in respect of the inquiry—

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- (a) by notice in writing, inform that person whether or not—
- (i) any application (being an application that has not been finally disposed of at a date and time specified in the notice) has been

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

received by the Commissioner for an order under this Act with respect to the strata scheme to which the inquiry relates; or

- (ii) any order has been made under this Act with respect to that strata scheme, being an order of a class prescribed for the purposes of this subparagraph and specified in the inquiry; and
- (b) where any such application has been received by the Commissioner or any such order has been so made, provide in that notice particulars of the application or order, as the case may be.

(34) Section 153 (4)—

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After section 153 (3), insert :-

- (4) Notice under section 73 (6) may be served on a person—
- 20 (a) personally or by post; or
 - (b) by leaving it with a person apparently of or above the age of 16 years at the place of residence or place of business of the firstmentioned person.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(35) Section 154A-

After section 154, insert :-

- 154A. (1) Where the Commissioner believes on Powers of entry of Commissioner in certain cases.
 - (b) a breach of the by-laws,

has been or is being committed upon any part of a parcel, he may, at any reasonable time on reasonable notice given to any occupier of that part of the parcel enter upon that part for the purpose of ascertaining whether that offence or breach has been or is being committed.

- (2) When exercising his power under subsection (1), the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, be accompanied by—
 - (a) a member of the council of the body corporate; or
 - (b) the managing agent, if any, of the strata scheme concerned.
 - (3) A person shall not obstruct or hinder—
 - (a) the Commissioner, in the exercise of his power under subsection (1); or
 - (b) a person accompanying the Commissioner in pursuance of subsection (2).

Penalty: \$200.

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SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(36) (a) Schedule 1, by-law 4—

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After "for the meeting", insert "and including a form of motion for each proposed resolution to be considered at the meeting".

(b) Schedule 1, by-law 4A—

After by-law 4, insert :-

4A. The secretary of a body corporate or, in his Council absence, any member of the council shall convene a meetings may be meeting of the council if he is requested so to do by required not less than one-third of the members of the council, to be convened. within the period of time, if any, specified in the request, and, where a member of the council other than the secretary is requested to convene a meeting of the council under this by-law, he may give, on behalf of the council, the notice required to be given under by-law 4.

(c) Schedule 1, by-law 5 (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—

- (a) by-law 4 has been complied with in relation to any meeting;
- (d) Schedule 1, by-law 6—

After "proprietor", insert "or, where that person is a corporation, any company nominee of the corporation".

(e) Schedule 1, by-law 8—

Omit "forty-eight hours" wherever occurring, insert instead "7 days".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(f) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (a)—

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After "corporate", insert "and the submission of a motion for confirmation of the minutes of any meeting of the body corporate at the next such meeting".

- (g) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (b)—
 After "corporate", insert "and of the council".
- (h) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (e)— Omit "and".
 - (i) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (f)—
 Omit "council.", insert instead "council; and".
 - (j) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (g)—

After by-law 10 (f), insert :-

(g) subject to section 57 (1), (6) and (6A), the convening of meetings of the body corporate and of the council.

(37) (a) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (3)-(4A)-

Omit clause 1 (3) and (4), insert instead:—

- 20 (3) Without limiting the power of a council under subclause (2)—
 - (a) the secretary of a council or, in his absence, any member of the council shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of the body corporate as soon as practicable after he receives a requisition for an extraordinary general meeting signed by one or more

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

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persons entitled to vote in respect of one or more lots, the unit entitlement or the sum of the unit entitlements of which is at least one-quarter of the aggregate unit entitlements; and

- (b) where a member of the council other than the secretary receives a requisition to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the body corporate under this subclause, he may give, on behalf of the council, the notice required to be given under subclause (4).
- (4) Notice of a general meeting of a body corporate shall—
 - (a) be served on each proprietor and first mortgagee of a lot, as ascertained from the strata roll, at least 7 days before the meeting;
 - (b) where it is so served on a first mortgagee of a lot, include the name of the proprietor of the lot and the addresses of the lot and the place where the meeting is to be held; and
 - (c) where it is so served pursuant to a requisition referred to in subclause (3) (a), specify a date for the convening of the extraordinary general meeting to which it relates that is not later than 1 month after the date on which the secretary or member, as the case may be, of the council received the requisition.
- (4A) Nothing in subclause (4) (a) requires a proprietor to serve on himself notice referred to in that subclause.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

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(b) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

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- (i) a form of motion to confirm the minutes of the last general meeting;
- (ii) where the notice is for a meeting required to be convened by a person appointed under section 57 (6A) by reason of there not being a council of a body corporate, a form of motion for the election of a council of the body corporate; and
- (iii) a form of each other motion to be considered at the meeting;
- (c) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :—

- (b) be accompanied by—
 - (i) a voting-paper in respect of each motion to be considered and determined at the meeting for use by a person entitled to vote if the person wishes to cast his vote in writing; and
 - (ii) a copy of the minutes of the last general meeting; and
- (d) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (c)—

After ", that he", insert "or, where the notice is addressed to a corporation, that a company nominee of the corporation".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

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- (e) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (c) (ii)—
 Omit "him at", insert instead "the person to whom the notice is addressed at".
- (f) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (1)—
 After "roll", insert "or, where the proprietor so shown is a corporation, the company nominee of that corporation as shown on that roll".
- Omit ", as shown on the strata roll, of a lot", insert instead "of a lot, as shown on the strata roll, or, where the first mortgagee is a corporation, the company nominee, as shown on that roll, of that corporation".
 - (h) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (2)—

 After "proprietor of that lot", insert "or, where that proprietor is a corporation, by the company nominee of that corporation,".
- (i) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (3)—
 Omit "Co-proprietors", insert instead "Notwithstanding section 81 (12), co-proprietors".
 - (j) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (7)— After "(11)", insert "and (12)".
- Omit "he has", insert instead "he or, where the original proprietor is a corporation, a company nominee of the corporation has".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (1) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 10 (2)—
 Omit "he is", insert instead "the original proprietor is".
- (m) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (1) (b)—

 After "that he", insert "or, where the notice is addressed to a corporation, that a company nominee of the corporation".
- 10 (n) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (1) (b) (ii)—
 Omit "him at", insert instead "the person to whom the notice is addressed at".
 - (o) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (3), (4)—

After clause 3 (2), insert :—

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- 15 (3) Where it is served on a first mortgagee of a lot, notice of the meeting shall include the name of the proprietor of the lot and the addresses of the lot and the place where the meeting is to be held.
- (4) Nothing in this clause requires an original proprietor to serve on himself notice of the meeting.
 - (p) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 4 (3)—

 After "an election", insert "or a company nominee of any such proprietor that is a corporation".
- (q) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (1)—

 After "roll", insert "or, where the proprietor so shown is a corporation, the company nominee of that corporation as shown on that roll".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(r) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (2)—

Omit ", as shown on the strata roll, of a lot", insert instead "of a lot, as shown on the strata roll, or, where the first mortgagee is a corporation, the company nominee, as shown on that roll, of that corporation".

(s) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (2)—

After "proprietor of that lot", insert ", or, where that proprietor is a corporation, by the company nominee of that corporation,".

(t) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (3)—

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Omit "Co-proprietors", insert instead "Notwithstanding section 81 (12), co-proprietors".

(u) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (7)—
After "(11)", insert "and (12)".

(v) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 11 (2)—

Omit "he has", insert instead "he or, where the original proprietor is a corporation, a company nominee of the corporation has".

(w) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 11 (2)—
Omit "he is", insert instead "the original proprietor is".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(38) Schedule 4, clause 11 (1) (b)—

Omit "that general meeting", insert instead "the last general meeting of that body corporate held before that day".

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STRATA TITLES (MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT ACT, 1979, No. 142

New South Wales



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Act No. 142, 1979.

An Act to amend the Strata Titles Act, 1973, so as to facilitate the administration and execution of the management provisions of that Act in certain respects. [Assented to, 28th November, 1979.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Strata Titles (Management) Amendment Act, 1979".

Commencement.

- 2. (1) Section 1 and this section shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) Section 5 and Schedule 1 (1) (b), (7) and (10) (g)—(i) and (k)—(m) shall commence at the expiration of the period of 3 months commencing with the day appointed and notified pursuant to subsection (5).
- (3) Schedule 1 (33) shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
- (4) Section 4 shall, in its application to a provision of Schedule 1, commence on the day on which the provision commences.
- (5) Except as provided in subsections (1)-(4), this Act shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Principal Act.

3. The Strata Titles Act, 1973, is referred to in this Act as the Principal Act.

Amendment of Act No. 68, 1973. 4. The Principal Act is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

- 5. Any amount held to the credit of a general account of a Disposibody corporate at the commencement of this section shall be tion of deemed to be held to the credit of the sinking fund of the body money. corporate.
- 6. Any by-law made under section 58 (2) of the Principal Certain by-laws repealed.
 - (a) amends, adds to or repeals any one or more of by-laws 1–11 set forth in Schedule 1 to that Act; or
- (b) is inconsistent with any one or more of those by-laws, and if it has not been repealed before the commencement of this section, is hereby repealed.
- 7. Any delegation to a managing agent by a body corporate Certain of its power to make a decision on a restricted matter within the delegations meaning of section 75 of the Principal Act, being a delegation revoked. made under section 78 (1) of that Act before the commencement of this section, is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 4.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT.

(1) (a) Section 5 (1), definition of "company nominee"—

After the definition of "common property", insert :-

- "company nominee", in relation to a corporation, means the individual, if any, for the time being authorised under section 80A (1) by the corporation;
- (b) Section 5 (1), definition of "general account"—
 Omit the definition.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(2) Section 55 (4), (5)—

After section 55 (3), insert :—

- (4) Where a managing agent has affixed the common seal of the body corporate to any instrument or document, he shall be deemed to have done so under the authority of a delegation made under section 78 (1) by the body corporate.
- (5) Subsection (4) shall not operate so as to enable a person to fraudulently obtain a benefit from its operation, but any benefit that accrues to a person from the operation of that subsection shall be deemed not to be fraudulently obtained if the benefit was first obtained by that person without any fraud by him.
- (3) (a) Section 57 (2) (d)—

Omit "and".

(b) Section 57 (2) (e)—

Omit "repealed.", insert instead "repealed; and".

(c) Section 57 (2) (f)—

After section 57 (2) (e), insert :—

(f) to decide whether a managing agent should be appointed under section 78 (1) by the body corporate and, if a managing agent is to be appointed, which powers, authorities, duties or functions of the body corporate should be delegated to him.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(d) Section 57 (6)—

After "deemed", insert "to be".

(e) Section 57 (6A)—

After section 57 (6), insert :—

- (6A) At any time after the meeting convened under subsection (1) has been held, the Commissioner may, pursuant to an application made to him by a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, appoint by order a person, nominated by the proprietor or mortgagee, who has consented to that nomination—
 - (a) if there is not a council of the body corporate—to convene a meeting of the body corporate within such time as may be specified in the order and a meeting so convened shall, for the purpose of the election of a council, be deemed to be a first annual general meeting of the body corporate; or
 - (b) if there is not a chairman, secretary and treasurer of the council of the body corporate—to convene a meeting of the council of the body corporate within such time as may be specified in the order and a meeting so convened shall be deemed to have been convened by that council.
- (f) Section 57 (7)—

After "subsection (6)", insert "or (6A)".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(g) Section 57 (7A)—

After section 57 (7), insert :—

- (7A) Notwithstanding Schedule 2, where an order made under subsection (6) or (6A) so provides—
 - (a) the person appointed to convene a meeting of a body corporate by the order shall preside at the meeting and, while he so presides, shall be deemed to be the chairman of the body corporate; and
 - (b) notice of that meeting may be given in the manner specified in the order.

(4) Section 58 (2)—

After "Schedule 1", insert ", other than by-laws 1–11 set forth in that Schedule,".

(5) Section 58A-

After section 58, insert :-

Copy of by-laws to be provided. 58A. (1) Where any lot or common property the subject of a strata scheme is leased, otherwise than to a proprietor of a lot the subject of the strata scheme, for the purpose of its being used as, or in connection with, a residence, the lessor shall, within 7 days after the lessee's becoming entitled under the lease to possession of the lot or common property, provide the lessee, in accordance with subsection (2), with a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force in respect of the strata scheme.

Penalty: \$100.

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- (2) A lessee is provided with a copy of the bylaws in accordance with this subsection if the copy is—
 - (a) served personally on the lessee;
 - (b) where the lease relates to a lot or common property that is fully enclosed by walls or other structures—left in a conspicuous position at the lot or on the common property; or
 - (c) where the lease relates to a lot—served in the manner provided by section 153 (3) (a) or (b).
- (6) (a) Section 59 (2)—

Omit the subsection.

(b) Section 59 (5)—

After "fund", insert "and sinking fund".

(c) Section 59 (6)—

After "fund", insert "and sinking fund".

(7) (a) Section 62 (5)-(9)—

Omit the subsections.

(b) Section 62 (10)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead:—

- (10) A reference in this section to an appropriate court is a reference—
 - (a) in the case of an application where the amount of the payment does not exceed \$500 and except where the title to land is

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

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in question otherwise than incidentally to such court of petty sessions as may be agreed upon by the applicant and the respondent or, in the absence of any such agreement, the court of petty sessions nearest to the parcel;

- (b) in the case of an application where the amount of payment does not exceed \$500 and the title to land is in question otherwise than incidentally—to the District Court of New South Wales;
- (c) in the case of an application where the amount of the payment exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$10,000 and except where the title to land is in question otherwise than incidentally—to the District Court of New South Wales; and
- (d) in any other case—to the Supreme Court.

(8) Section 64 (1) (a1)—

After section 64 (1) (a), insert :—

- (a1) any work required to be carried out by a body corporate—
 - (i) by a notice served on it by a public authority or local council; or
 - (ii) by an order of the Commissioner or a Board;

(9) (a) Section 66 (1) (d)—

Omit "expiration of the initial period", insert instead "holding of the first annual general meeting of the body corporate".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Section 66 (1)—

Omit "section 67", insert instead "subsection (1A) or section 67".

(c) Section 66 (1A)—

After section 66 (1), insert :—

(1A) A Board may, on an application made to it by a body corporate constituted of one proprietor, make an order authorising the doing, during the initial period, of anything referred to in subsection (1) by the body corporate.

(d) Section 66 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead:—

- (2) Without affecting any other remedy available against the original proprietor, if a body corporate contravenes subsection (1)—
 - (a) the original proprietor is liable for any loss suffered by the body corporate or any proprietor as a result of the contravention;
 and
 - (b) the body corporate or any proprietor may recover from the original proprietor, as damages for breach of statutory duty, any loss suffered by it or him,

unless---

- (c) the contravention occurred without the knowledge of the original proprietor;
- (d) the original proprietor was not in a position to influence the conduct of the body corporate in relation to the contravention; or

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(e) the original proprietor, being in such a position, used all due diligence to prevent the contravention.

(10) (a) Section 68 (1) (g)—

After "meetings", insert ", which shall include particulars of motions passed by it at those meetings,".

(b) Section 68 (1) (h)—

Omit "one month", insert instead "2 months".

(c) Section 68 (1) (i)—

Omit "convene annual general meetings", insert instead "cause annual general meetings to be convened".

(d) Section 68 (1) (1)—

Omit "for the depositing therein of", insert instead "into which shall be paid".

(e) Section 68 (1) (1)—

After "section 70", insert "and into which may be paid any amounts paid to the body corporate by way of discharge of insurance claims".

(f) Section 68 (1) (m)—

After "paid" where secondly occurring, insert ", unless the latter amounts have been paid into the administrative fund under paragraph (1)".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (g) Section 68 (1) (n1)—
 Omit "and (m)", insert instead ", (m) and (o)".
- (h) Section 68 (1) (n1)—
 Omit "separate from any account in which any other moneys of the body corporate are kept".
- (i) Section 68 (1) (o)—
 Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—
 - (o) whenever it receives any moneys, other than moneys referred to in paragraph (1) or (m), pay those moneys into the sinking fund;
- (j) Section 68 (1) (p)—
 Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—
 - (p) if the body corporate—
 - (i) becomes liable to pay any moneys that it is unable to pay forthwith; and
 - (ii) is not required, under paragraph (n), to levy contributions to meet the liability,

levy, in accordance with section 59, contributions to raise those moneys; and

(k) Section 68 (2) (a) (iii)— Omit the subparagraph.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(1) Section 68 (2) (b)—

Omit ", its sinking fund or its general account", insert instead "or its sinking fund".

(m) Section 68 (3)—

Omit the subsection.

(n) Section 68 (4)—

After "subsection (1) (j)" wherever occurring, insert "or (k)".

(11) (a) Section 69 (3) (c1)—

After section 69 (3) (c), insert :—

- (c1) the name of the company nominee of any corporation that is a proprietor or mortgagee of the lot as shown in notices given to the body corporate for the purposes of section 81 (12);
- (b) Section 69 (4)—

After section 69 (3), insert :-

(4) The body corporate shall record and maintain in the strata roll a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force with respect to the strata scheme concerned.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(12) (a) Section 71 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead:—

- (2) Where there are not more than 3 proprietors, the council shall consist of each proprietor, if any, who is an individual or his nominee, together with the company nominee of each proprietor, if any, which is a corporation.
- (b) Section 71 (3)—

Omit "seven", insert instead "nine".

(c) Section 71 (5)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :-

- (5) A person is not eligible for election as a member of a council unless he is—
 - (a) an individual who is a proprietor;
 - (b) a company nominee of a corporation which is a proprietor; or
 - (c) an individual who is not a proprietor but who is nominated for election by a proprietor who is not a candidate for election.

(d) Section 71 (6)—

After "proprietor" wherever occurring, insert "or company nominee of a corporation which is a proprietor".

(e) Section 71 (7)—

After "proprietor", insert "or company nominee of a corporation".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(13) Section 72 (1) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—

- (b) if, where he was not a proprietor at the time of his election or was a company nominee, the individual who nominated him for election or the corporation for which he is a company nominee, as the case may be—
 - (i) ceases to be a proprietor; or
 - (ii) notifies the body corporate, in writing, that his office, as a member of the council, is vacated;
- (14) (a) Section 73 (3) (a)—Omit "or".
 - (b) Section 73 (3) (a1)—

After section 73 (3) (a), insert:—

- (a1) the receipt by the body corporate from him of notice in writing of his resignation from that office; or
- (c) Section 73 (5) (a)—
 Omit "or" where lastly occurring.
- (d) Section 73 (5) (b)—
 Omit "function.", insert instead "function; or".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(e) Section 73 (5) (c)—

After section 73 (5) (b), insert:—

(c) a person with whom the treasurer of the body corporate is required by an order of the council to exercise or perform jointly that power, authority, duty or function, and who is enabling the treasurer to comply with the order.

(f) Section 73 (5A), (5B)—

After section 73 (5), insert :—

- (5A) The treasurer of a body corporate may delegate the exercise or performance of any of his powers (other than this power of delegation), authorities, duties or functions as treasurer, the delegation of which is specifically approved by the council of the body corporate, to another member of the council so approved, subject to such limitations as to time or otherwise as are so approved and, while a delegate is acting in accordance with the terms of a delegation under this subsection, he shall be deemed to be the treasurer of the body corporate.
- (5B) The council of a body corporate may, by a notice in writing served on the treasurer of the body corporate, order that he shall not exercise or perform any of his powers, authorities, duties or functions that are specified in the notice, unless he does so jointly with another person so specified.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(15) Section 76 (3) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead:—

- (b) to comply with—
 - (i) a notice or order served on the body corporate by any public authority or local council; or
 - (ii) an order made with respect to the body corporate by the Commissioner or a Board; or

(16) (a) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "A body corporate may,", insert instead "Subject to subsection (1A), a body corporate may, in general meeting and".

(b) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "by instrument in writing" where secondly occurring, insert instead "in like manner".

(c) Section 78 (1)—

Omit "(other than this power of delegation)" wherever occurring.

(d) Section 78 (1A)—

After section 78 (1), insert :-

- (1A) A body corporate may not, under subsection (1), delegate to a managing agent its power to make—
 - (a) a delegation under that subsection; or
 - (b) a decision on a restricted matter within the meaning of section 75.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(17) Section 80A—

After section 80, insert :—

80A. (1) A corporation may, and shall be deemed Power for always to have been able to, authorise an individual to individual to duals to exercise or perform on its behalf any power, authority, act for duty or function conferred by or under this Act on the corporate corporation as proprietor or mortgagee of a lot and may and mortrevoke the authority of any individual so authorised.

- (2) Where an individual exercises or performs a power, authority, duty or function that he is, by a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, authorised pursuant to subsection (1) to exercise or perform, the power, authority, duty or function shall be deemed to be exercised or performed by the proprietor or mortgagee, as the case may be, of the lot.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) or (2) affects any liability or obligation imposed by or under this Act on a corporation which is a proprietor or mortgagee of a lot.
- (4) A document under the seal of a corporation purporting to be an authorisation under subsection (1) or to be a revocation of such an authorisation is admissible in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be such an authorisation or revocation, as the case may be.

(18) (a) Section 81 (10) (d)—

Omit "furnish", insert instead "give".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) Section 81 (12), (13)—

After section 81 (11), insert :—

- (12) A vote cast at a meeting of a body corporate by or on behalf of a corporation has no effect unless the body corporate has been given notice in writing specifying the company nominee of the corporation.
- (13) A notice referred to in subsection (12) may be included in any other notice that the corporation to which it relates or any other person is entitled under this section to give to the body corporate.

(19) Section 84 (3)—

After section 84 (2), insert :-

(3) The body corporate may insure any property which it is not required to insure pursuant to this Division and in which it has an insurable interest.

(20) Section 100 (1)—

Omit "prescribed fee", insert instead "fee prescribed in respect of the application".

(21) Section 101 (1) (d)—

After "notice,", insert "or within a longer time specified in any further notice given by the Commissioner to the body corporate and each of the persons to whom the notice referred to in paragraph (c) was given (which further notice the Commissioner is hereby authorised to give),".

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(22) (a) Section 102 (1)—

After "application" where secondly occurring, insert "and whether or not he has made an order under section 104A (2) pursuant to a request stated in the application".

(b) Section 102 (1) (b)—

Omit "each such notice", insert instead "of each such notice and a copy of any further notice given under section 101 (1) (d)".

(c) Section 102 (1) (f)—

Omit "and".

(d) Section 102 (1) (f1)—

After section 102 (1) (f), insert :—

- (f1) a copy of any order made by him under section 104A (2) pursuant to a request stated in the application and of any further request made to him by the applicant to renew that order, if any; and
- (23) Section 103—

After "101 (1) (c)", insert "or (d)".

(24) (a) Section 104 (1)—

Omit the subsection, insert :-

- (1) The Commissioner shall not make an order under this Division, other than an order under section 104A (2), until after—
 - (a) the expiration of the time specified in the notice given under section 101 (1) (c); or

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

(b) where a further notice has been given under section 101 (1) (d)—the expiration of the longer time specified in that notice,

for the making of written submissions with respect to the application seeking the order.

(b) Section 104 (6)—

Omit "An", insert instead "Subject to section 104A (5), an".

(25) Section 104A—

After section 104, insert:—

Interim orders.

- 104A. (1) In this section, "interim order" means an order made under subsection (2).
- (2) Where an applicant for an order under section 105 (1) states in his application that he requests an interim order, the Commissioner may, if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that, by reason of the urgent circumstances of the case, he should do so—
 - (a) make, under this subsection, any order that may be made under section 105 (1) with respect to the application; and
 - (b) before the expiration of 3 months from the date on which it takes effect and upon a further request made by the applicant, renew an interim order that is in force by serving notice in accordance with subsection (6) that the order is renewed.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued.

- (3) An interim order may be made or renewed notwithstanding—
 - (a) that the Commissioner is of the opinion that the application in which the interim order is requested should be referred to a Board under section 100 (2);
 - (b) that any power or duty of the Commissioner under section 101 (1) has not been exercised or performed with respect to the application;
 - (c) where the Commissioner has given written notice of the application under section 101 (1) (c), that any time specified under section 101 (1) (d) in that or any further notice has not expired; or
 - (d) that any right conferred on the applicant or any other person by section 134 has not been exercised with respect to the application.
- (4) An interim order made pursuant to an application for an order under section 105 (1) ceases to have effect—
 - (a) at the expiration of 3 months from the date on which it takes effect or, where the Commissioner has renewed the interim order, at the expiration of 6 months from that date;
 - (b) where the interim order is revoked by a Board under section 129 (1) (b1) or by the Commissioner under subsection (5)—when it is so revoked; or

SCHEDULE 1-continued.

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(c) where-

- (i) a Board, pursuant to section 118 (1), or the Commissioner, makes an order under section 105 (1) with respect to the application; or
- (ii) a Board or the Commissioner dismisses the application,

before the interim order ceases to have effect under paragraph (a) or (b)—when the order is made under section 105 (1) or the application is dismissed, as the case may be.

- (5) The Commissioner may revoke an interim order and, if he does so, he shall serve notice in accordance with subsection (6) that the order has been revoked.
- (6) A notice of the renewal of an interim order or of the revocation of any such order shall be served—
 - (a) except as provided in paragraph (b), on the body corporate for the strata scheme to which the order relates; or
 - (b) where the order requires a person to do or refrain from doing a specified act, on that person.
- (7) A person shall not in, or in connection with, a request for an interim order or for the renewal of any such order, make a statement that he knows is false or misleading in a material respect.

Penalty for an offence against this subsection: \$500.

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(26) Section 106—

Omit "by that proprietor to effect alterations to the common property,", insert instead:—

by that proprietor—

- (a) to effect alterations to the common property; or
- (b) to have carried out repairs to any damage to the common property or any other property of the body corporate,

(27) Section 109A-

After section 109, insert :-

109A. Where, pursuant to an application by a proprietor Order for an order under this section, the Commissioner considers to make that the body corporate for the strata scheme to which the application relates has unreasonably refused to make or pursue an insurance claim in respect of damage to the building or any other property insured by the body corporate under Division 5 of Part IV, the Commissioner may order the body corporate to make or pursue the claim.

(28) Section 111—

Omit the section, insert instead :-

- 111. Where, pursuant to an application for an order Order to under this section, the Commissioner considers that the supply body corporate for the strata scheme to which the information or application relates, or a managing agent for that strata documents. scheme, or the chairman, secretary or treasurer of that body corporate has wrongfully—
 - (a) withheld from the applicant any information to which he is entitled under this Act; or

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(b) failed to make available for inspection by the applicant or his agent any record or document that, under this Act, he is entitled to inspect,

the Commissioner may order that body corporate, managing agent, chairman, secretary or treasurer to supply or make available the information or to make so available the record or document, as the case may require, to the applicant.

(29) Section 118 (1)—

After "duties" where firstly occurring, insert ", other than under section 104A,".

(30) Section 128 (1A)—

After section 128 (1), insert :-

(1A) A person may appeal under this section against an order made by the Commissioner under section 104A(2) only on the grounds that the Commissioner acted unreasonably by making the order.

(31) (a) Section 129 (1) (b)—

Before "may", insert "where the order was made otherwise than under section 104A (2) —".

(b) Section 129 (1) (b)—
Omit "and".

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(c) Section 129 (1) (b1)—

After section 129 (1) (b), insert :—

- (b1) where the order was made under section 104A (2)—may dismiss the appeal or, by order, revoke the order appealed against; and
- (32) (a) Section 142 (1)—

After "Part", insert ", not being an order under section 104A (2),".

(b) Section 142 (2A)—

After section 142 (2), insert :—

(2A) A person shall not contravene an order under section 104A (2) to do or refrain from doing a specified act.

Penalty: \$500.

(c) Section 142 (3)—

After "subsection (1)", insert "or (2A)".

(33) Section 144A—

After section 144, insert :-

144A. The Commissioner shall, upon inquiry having Inquiries, been made to him by a person in writing in or to the effect of the prescribed form and upon payment of the fee prescribed in respect of the inquiry—

- (a) by notice in writing, inform that person whether or not—
 - (i) any application (being an application that has not been finally disposed of at a date and time specified in the notice) has been

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received by the Commissioner for an order under this Act with respect to the strata scheme to which the inquiry relates; or

- (ii) any order has been made under this Act with respect to that strata scheme, being an order of a class prescribed for the purposes of this subparagraph and specified in the inquiry; and
- (b) where any such application has been received by the Commissioner or any such order has been so made, provide in that notice particulars of the application or order, as the case may be.

(34) Section 153 (4)—

After section 153 (3), insert :—

- (4) Notice under section 73 (6) may be served on a person—
 - (a) personally or by post; or
 - (b) by leaving it with a person apparently of or above the age of 16 years at the place of residence or place of business of the firstmentioned person.

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(35) Section 154A—

After section 154, insert:

the Commissioner believes on Powers 154A. (1) Where of entry reasonable grounds that of Commissioner in (a) an offence against any provision of this Act; or certain

(b) a breach of the by-laws,

has been or is being committed upon any part of a parcel, he may, at any reasonable time on reasonable notice given to any occupier of that part of the parcel enter upon that part for the purpose of ascertaining whether that offence or breach has been or is being committed.

- (2) When exercising his power under subsection (1), the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, be accompanied by—
 - (a) a member of the council of the body corporate;
 - (b) the managing agent, if any, of the strata scheme concerned.
 - (3) A person shall not obstruct or hinder—
 - (a) the Commissioner, in the exercise of his power under subsection (1); or
 - (b) a person accompanying the Commissioner in pursuance of subsection (2).

Penalty: \$200.

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(36) (a) Schedule 1, by-law 4—

After "for the meeting", insert "and including a form of motion for each proposed resolution to be considered at the meeting".

(b) Schedule 1, by-law 4A-

After by-law 4, insert :—

Council meetings may be required to be convened.

4A. The secretary of a body corporate or, in his absence, any member of the council shall convene a meeting of the council if he is requested so to do by not less than one-third of the members of the council, within the period of time, if any, specified in the request, and, where a member of the council other than the secretary is requested to convene a meeting of the council under this by-law, he may give, on behalf of the council, the notice required to be given under by-law 4.

(c) Schedule 1, by-law 5 (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead:-

- (a) by-law 4 has been complied with in relation to any meeting;
- (d) Schedule 1, by-law 6—

After "proprietor", insert "or, where that person is a corporation, any company nominee of the corporation".

(e) Schedule 1, by-law 8-

Omit "forty-eight hours" wherever occurring, insert instead "7 days".

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(f) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (a)—

After "corporate", insert "and the submission of a motion for confirmation of the minutes of any meeting of the body corporate at the next such meeting".

- (g) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (b)—
 - After "corporate", insert "and of the council".
- (h) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (e)—Omit "and".
- (i) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (f)—
 Omit "council.", insert instead "council; and".
- (j) Schedule 1, by-law 10 (g)—

After by-law 10 (f), insert :—

- (g) subject to section 57 (1), (6) and (6A), the convening of meetings of the body corporate and of the council.
- (37) (a) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (3)–(4A)—

Omit clause 1 (3) and (4), insert instead:—

- (3) Without limiting the power of a council under subclause (2)—
 - (a) the secretary of a council or, in his absence, any member of the council shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of the body corporate as soon as practicable after he receives a requisition for an extraordinary general meeting signed by one or more

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persons entitled to vote in respect of one or more lots, the unit entitlement or the sum of the unit entitlements of which is at least one-quarter of the aggregate unit entitlements; and

- (b) where a member of the council other than the secretary receives a requisition to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the body corporate under this subclause, he may give, on behalf of the council, the notice required to be given under subclause (4).
- (4) Notice of a general meeting of a body corporate shall—
 - (a) be served on each proprietor and first mortgagee of a lot, as ascertained from the strata roll, at least 7 days before the meeting;
 - (b) where it is so served on a first mortgagee of a lot, include the name of the proprietor of the lot and the addresses of the lot and the place where the meeting is to be held; and
 - (c) where it is so served pursuant to a requisition referred to in subclause (3) (a), specify a date for the convening of the extraordinary general meeting to which it relates that is not later than 1 month after the date on which the secretary or member, as the case may be, of the council received the requisition.
- (4A) Nothing in subclause (4) (a) requires a proprietor to serve on himself notice referred to in that subclause.

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(b) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :—

- (a) include—
 - (i) a form of motion to confirm the minutes of the last general meeting;
 - (ii) where the notice is for a meeting required to be convened by a person appointed under section 57 (6A) by reason of there not being a council of a body corporate, a form of motion for the election of a council of the body corporate; and
 - (iii) a form of each other motion to be considered at the meeting;
- (c) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead :-

- (b) be accompanied by-
 - (i) a voting-paper in respect of each motion to be considered and determined at the meeting for use by a person entitled to vote if the person wishes to cast his vote in writing; and
 - (ii) a copy of the minutes of the last general meeting; and
- (d) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (c)—

After ", that he", insert "or, where the notice is addressed to a corporation, that a company nominee of the corporation".

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(e) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1 (6) (c) (ii)—

Omit "him at", insert instead "the person to whom the notice is addressed at".

(f) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (1)—

After "roll", insert "or, where the proprietor so shown is a corporation, the company nominee of that corporation as shown on that roll".

(g) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (2)—

Omit ", as shown on the strata roll, of a lot", insert instead "of a lot, as shown on the strata roll, or, where the first mortgagee is a corporation, the company nominee, as shown on that roll, of that corporation".

(h) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (2)—

After "proprietor of that lot", insert "or, where that proprietor is a corporation, by the company nominee of that corporation,".

(i) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (3)—

Omit "Co-proprietors", insert instead "Notwithstanding section 81 (12), co-proprietors".

(j) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 2 (7)—

After "(11)", insert "and (12)".

(k) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 10 (2)—

Omit "he has", insert instead "he or, where the original proprietor is a corporation, a company nominee of the corporation has".

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(1) Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 10 (2)—

Omit "he is", insert instead "the original proprietor is".

(m) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (1) (b)—

After "that he", insert "or, where the notice is addressed to a corporation, that a company nominee of the corporation".

(n) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (1) (b) (ii)—

Omit "him at", insert instead "the person to whom the notice is addressed at".

(o) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 3 (3), (4)—

After clause 3 (2), insert :—

- (3) Where it is served on a first mortgagee of a lot, notice of the meeting shall include the name of the proprietor of the lot and the addresses of the lot and the place where the meeting is to be held.
- (4) Nothing in this clause requires an original proprietor to serve on himself notice of the meeting.
- (p) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 4 (3)—

After "an election", insert "or a company nominee of any such proprietor that is a corporation".

(q) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (1)—

After "roll", insert "or, where the proprietor so shown is a corporation, the company nominee of that corporation as shown on that roll".

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(r) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (2)—

Omit ", as shown on the strata roll, of a lot", insert instead "of a lot, as shown on the strata roll, or, where the first mortgagee is a corporation, the company nominee, as shown on that roll, of that corporation".

(s) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (2)—

After "proprietor of that lot", insert ", or, where that proprietor is a corporation, by the company nominee of that corporation,".

(t) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (3)—

Omit "Co-proprietors", insert instead "Notwithstanding section 81 (12), co-proprietors".

(u) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 5 (7)—

After "(11)", insert "and (12)".

(v) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 11 (2)—

Omit "he has", insert instead "he or, where the original proprietor is a corporation, a company nominee of the corporation has".

(w) Schedule 2, Part 2, clause 11 (2)-

Omit "he is", insert instead "the original proprietor is".

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(38) Schedule 4, clause 11 (1) (b)—

Omit "that general meeting", insert instead "the last general meeting of that body corporate held before that day".

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

A. R. CUTLER, *Governor*.

Government House, Sydney, 28th November, 1979.

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