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DEFAMATION (COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1984

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Commissioner of Public Complaints Bill, 1984.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Defamation Act, 1974, consequent on and in connection with the enactment of the proposed Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984.

**DEFAMATION (COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS)
AMENDMENT BILL, 1984**

No. , 1984.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1974, with respect to certain publications under the Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984.

[MR WRAN—17 May, 1984.]

Defamation (Commissioner of Public Complaints) Amendment.

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 Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Defamation (Commissioner of Public Complaints) Amendment Act, 1984".

Commencement.

2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this
10 Act.

(2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on the day appointed and notified under section 2 (2) of the Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984.

Amendment of Act No. 18, 1974.

15 3. The Defamation Act, 1974, is amended by inserting before section 18 the following section:—

Matters arising under Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984.

20 17I. (1) There is a defence of absolute privilege for a publication to or by the Commissioner of Public Complaints as that Commissioner, or to any officer of that Commissioner as such an officer.

Defamation (Commissioner of Public Complaints) Amendment.

(2) Subsection (1) applies in relation to an acting Commissioner of Public Complaints in the same way as it applies in relation to the Commissioner.

BY AUTHORITY
D. WEST, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES—1984

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**DEFAMATION (COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS)
AMENDMENT ACT, 1984, No. 78**

New South Wales



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Act No. 78, 1984.

An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1974, with respect to certain publications under the Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984. [Assented to, 27th June, 1984.]

Defamation (Commissioner of Public Complaints) Amendment.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the 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 "Defamation (Commissioner of Public Complaints) Amendment Act, 1984".

Commencement.

2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

(2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on the day appointed and notified under section 2 (2) of the Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984.

Amendment of Act No. 18, 1974.

3. The Defamation Act, 1974, is amended by inserting before section 18 the following section:—

Matters arising under Commissioner of Public Complaints Act, 1984.

171. (1) There is a defence of absolute privilege for a publication to or by the Commissioner of Public Complaints as that Commissioner, or to any officer of that Commissioner as such an officer.

Defamation (Commissioner of Public Complaints) Amendment.

(2) Subsection (1) applies in relation to an acting Commissioner of Public Complaints in the same way as it applies in relation to the Commissioner.

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

L. W. STREET,
*By Deputation from
His Excellency the Governor.*

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th June, 1984.*

