

**OMBUDSMAN (PARLIAMENTARY SELECT
COMMITTEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1988**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to amend section 34 of the Ombudsman Act 1974, so as—

- (a) to enable the Ombudsman and officers of the Ombudsman (and former Ombudsmen and former officers) to disclose to Parliamentary Select Committees information obtained in the course of their duty (**Schedule 1 (3)**); and
 - (b) to provide that the restrictions on the divulging of information by the Ombudsman and officers of the Ombudsman extend to former Ombudsmen and former officers (**Schedule 1 (1)**).
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No. , 1988

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section 34 of the Ombudsman Act 1974 to enable the Ombudsman (including any former Ombudsman) and his officers to disclose confidential information to Parliamentary Select Committees.

Ombudsman (Parliamentary Select Committees) Amendment 1988

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Ombudsman (Parliamentary Select Committees) Amendment Act 1988.

5 Amendment of Ombudsman Act 1974 No. 68

2. The Ombudsman Act 1974 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

(Sec. 2)

**Section 34 (Disclosure by Ombudsman, former Ombudsman, officer or former
10 officer)—**

(1) Section 34—

(a) After “Ombudsman” where firstly occurring, insert “or former Ombudsman”.

(b) After “officer”, insert “or former officer”.

15 (c) After “office”, insert “as Ombudsman or an officer of the Ombudsman”.

(2) Section 34 (1) (c)—

Omit “or” where lastly occurring.

(3) Section 34 (1) (d), (e)—

20 Omit 34 (1) (d), insert instead:

(d) for the purpose of discharging his functions under this or any other Act as Ombudsman or an officer of the Ombudsman; or

(e) to a select committee of either House of Parliament.



