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## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING BILL 1991

NEW SOUTH WALES



### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to enable certain Parliamentary Committees to function during the next prorogation of Parliament and during the second session of the present Parliament.

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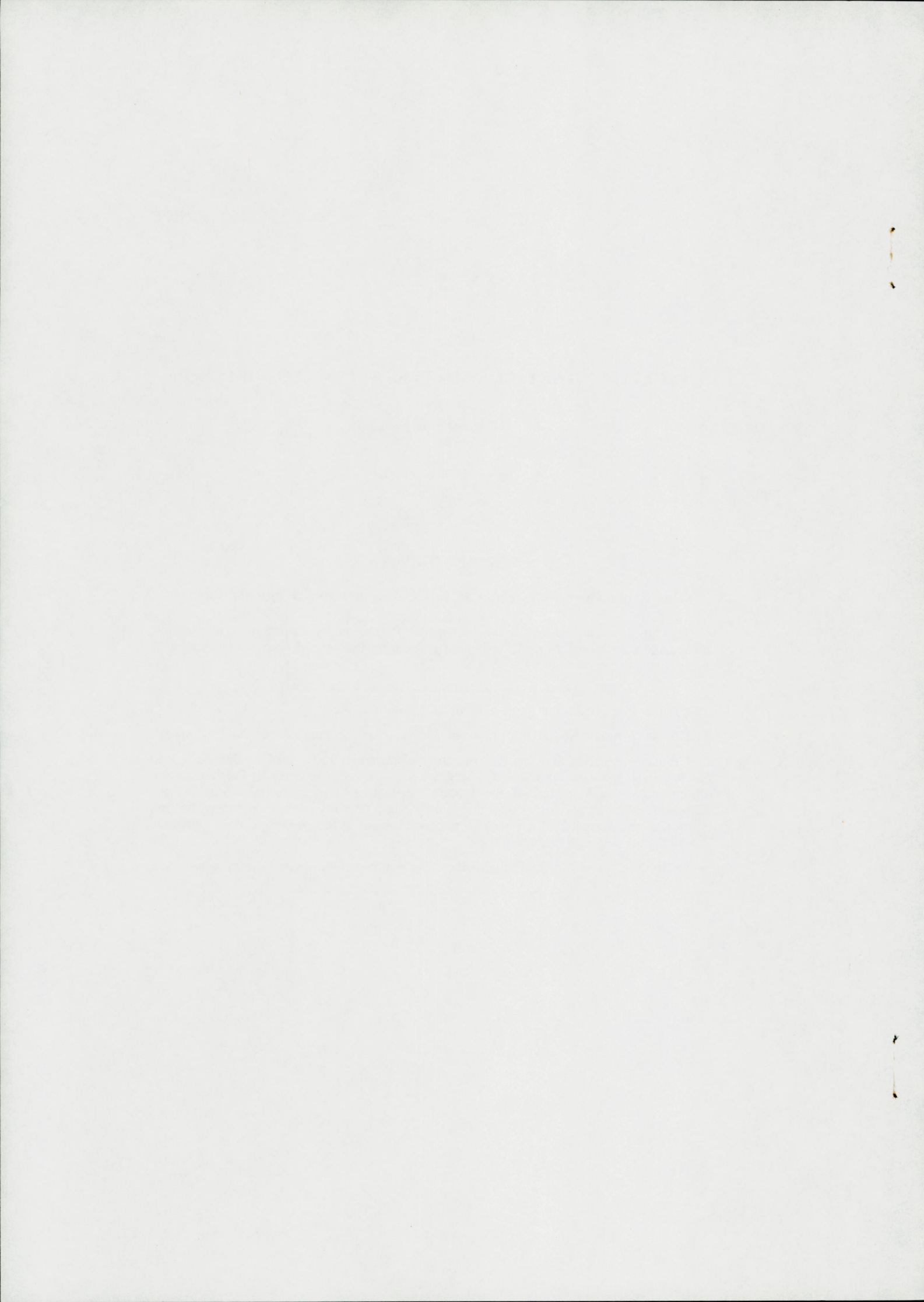
Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act is to commence on the date of assent.

Clause 3 declares that the Parliamentary Committees mentioned in Schedule 1 to the proposed Act may lawfully sit during the prorogation of the present Parliament and during the second session of the present Parliament. The clause also enables the Committees in that period to do all things they might lawfully have done during the first session of the present Parliament. The clause is subject to the powers of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

Schedule 1 sets out the Parliamentary Committees continued by the proposed Act.

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SCHEDULE 1—COMMITTEES

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**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING BILL 1991**

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No. , 1991

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**A BILL FOR**

An Act to enable certain Committees of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to function during the prorogation of Parliament and during the second session of the fiftieth Parliament.

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*Parliamentary Committees Enabling 1991*

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Committees Enabling Act 1991.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

**Power to function for an extended period**

3. (1) It is hereby declared that the Parliamentary Committees mentioned in Schedule 1 may:

- (a) lawfully sit during the period commencing on the termination of the first session of the fiftieth Parliament and ending on the termination of the second session of that Parliament; and
- (b) lawfully do during that period all such things as they might lawfully have done had the first session of that Parliament continued throughout that period.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) is to affect or alter any power of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly, and it is hereby declared that the operation of that subsection is subject to any such power and the exercise of that power.

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**SCHEDULE 1—COMMITTEES**

(Sec. 3)

*Committees of the Legislative Council*

Standing Orders Committee.  
Library Committee.  
House Committee.  
Printing Committee.

*Committees of the Legislative Assembly*

Standing Orders and Procedure Committee.  
Library Committee.  
House Committee.  
Legislation Committee upon the Defamation Bill.  
Legislation Committee upon the National Parks and Wildlife (Aboriginal Ownership) Amendment Bill (No. 2) and cognate Bill.

*Parliamentary Committees Enabling 1991*

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SCHEDULE 1—COMMITTEES—*continued*

*Joint Committees*

Joint Select Committee upon the Process and Funding of the Electoral System.

Joint Select Committee upon the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliaments) Bills.

*Other Legislation Committees*

Any Legislation Committee of the Legislative Assembly that is established in December 1991 if the resolution by which it is established declares that it is a Legislation Committee to which this Act applies.

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**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING BILL, 1991,**  
**SECOND READING SPEECH - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Mr. President,

I move -

That this Bill be now read a second time.

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It is the Government's intention, after the conclusion of the present sittings, that Parliament be prorogued and that a new session of Parliament be opened in February, 1992.

The object of the Bill is to ensure that the Parliamentary Committees continue to function following prorogation.

There are eleven Committees included in the Bill. The Bill will alleviate the need for their re-appointment after the prorogation of the current Session of Parliament.

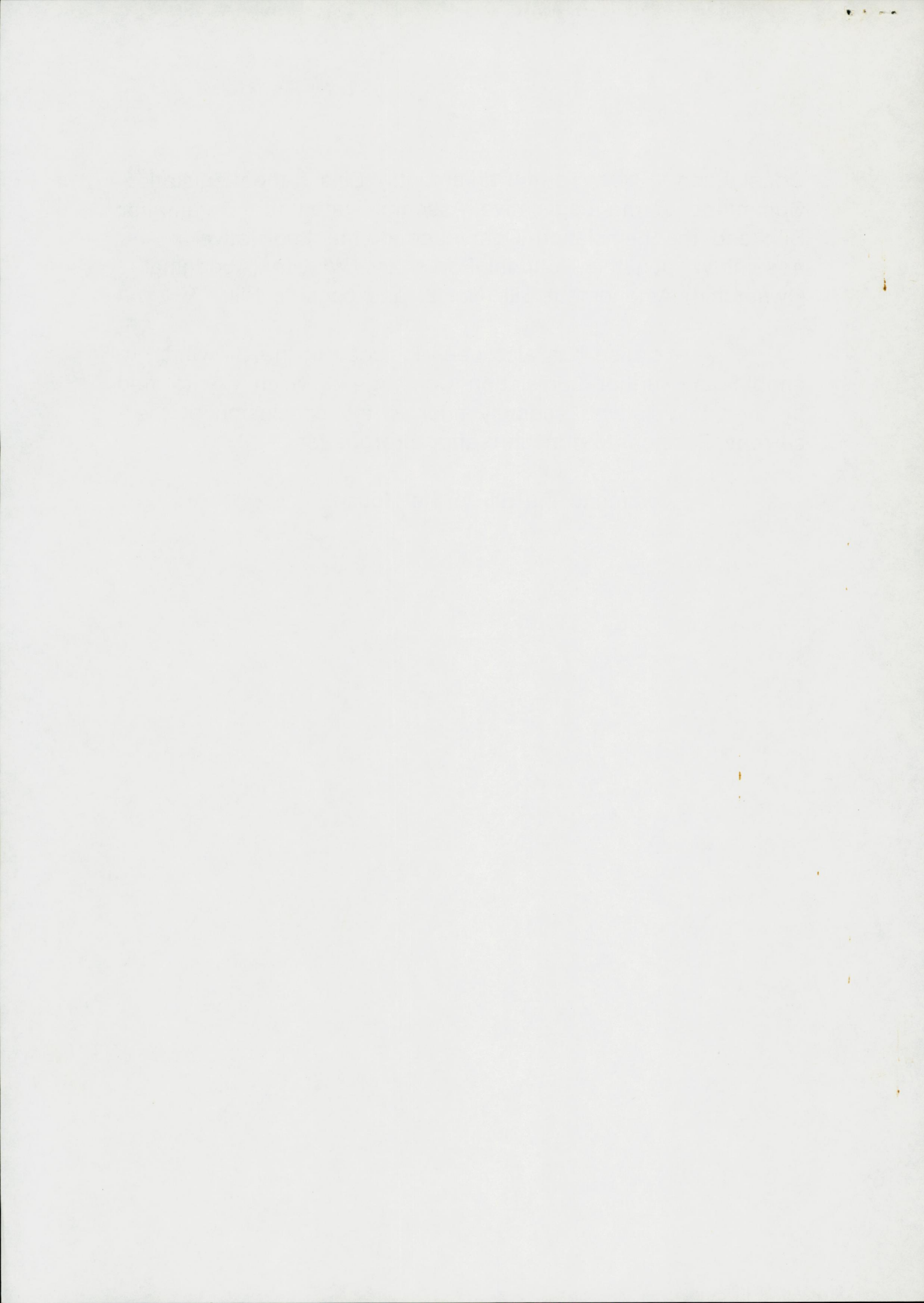
The Committees referred to are: the House and Library Committees of each House; the Printing Committee of the Legislative Council; the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee of the Legislative Assembly and the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council; the Joint Select Committee upon the Process and Funding of the Electoral System; the Joint Select Committee upon the



Constitution (Fixed Term Parliaments) Bills; the Legislation Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon the Defamation Bill; and the Legislation Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon the National Parks and Wildlife (Aboriginal Ownership) Amendment Bill (No. 2) and cognate Bill.

A clause has also been included in the Bill which will enable any further Legislation Committees which are formed by the Legislative Assembly prior to the conclusion of the current Session to function after prorogation.

I commend the Bill to the House.



PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING ACT 1991  
No. 56

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING ACT 1991  
No. 56

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Act No. 56, 1991

An Act to enable certain Committees of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to function during the prorogation of Parliament and during the second session of the fiftieth Parliament. [Assented to 11 December 1991]

*Parliamentary Committees Enabling 1991*

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The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Committees Enabling Act 1991.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

Power to function for an extended period

3. (1) It is hereby declared that the Parliamentary Committees mentioned in Schedule 1 may:

- (a) lawfully sit during the period commencing on the termination of the first session of the fiftieth Parliament and ending on the termination of the second session of that Parliament; and
- (b) lawfully do during that period all such things as they might lawfully have done had the first session of that Parliament continued throughout that period.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) is to affect or alter any power of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly, and it is hereby declared that the operation of that subsection is subject to any such power and the exercise of that power.

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[*Minister's second reading speech made in—  
Legislative Assembly on 3 December 1991  
Legislative Council on 4 December 1991*]