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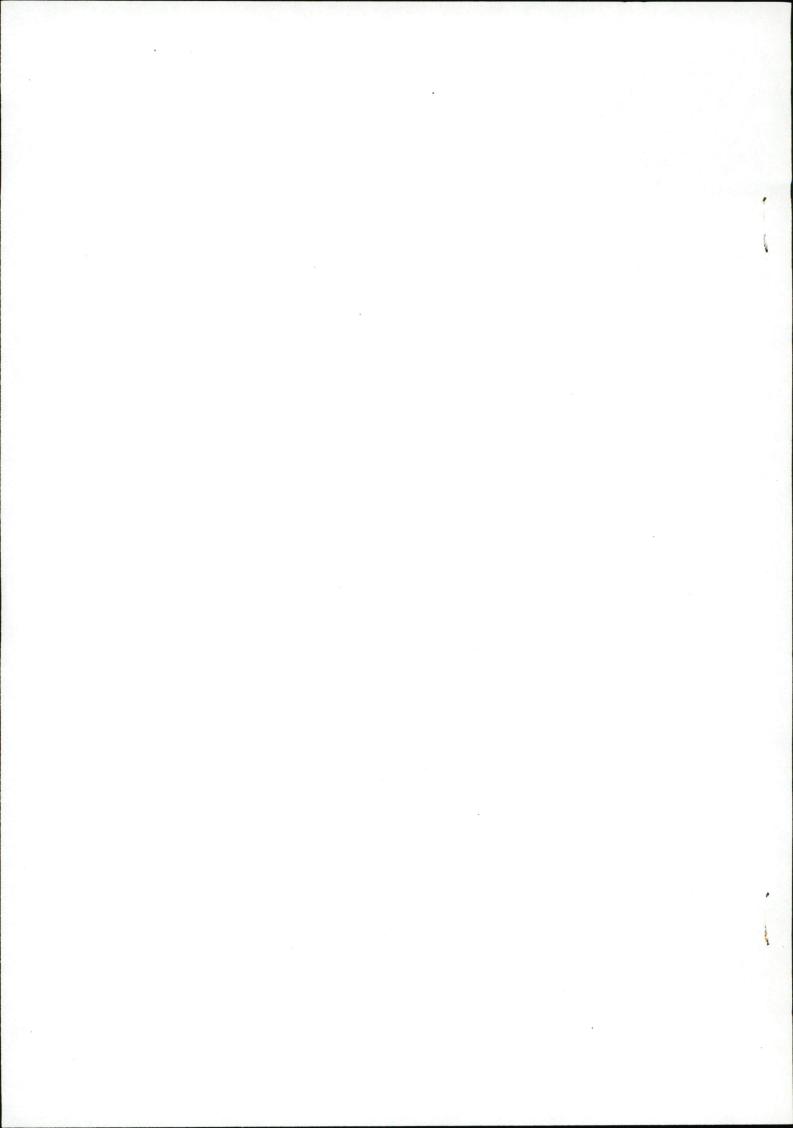


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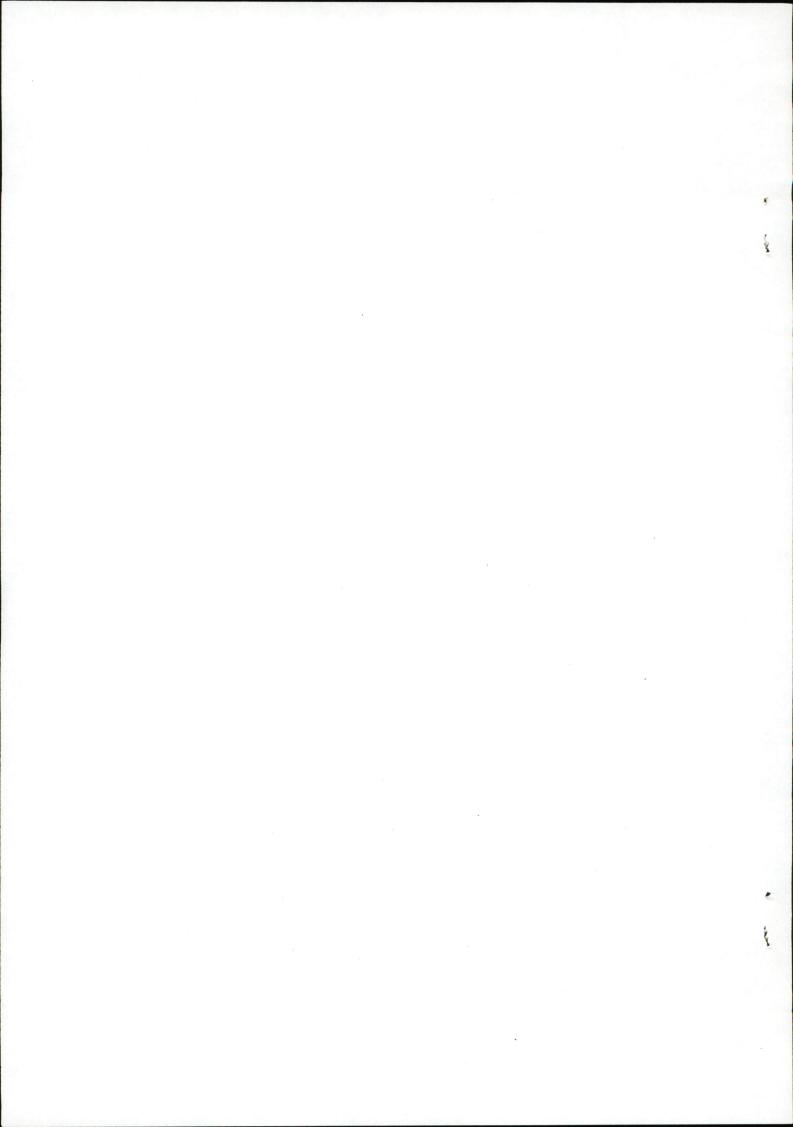


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No. , 1992

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### The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

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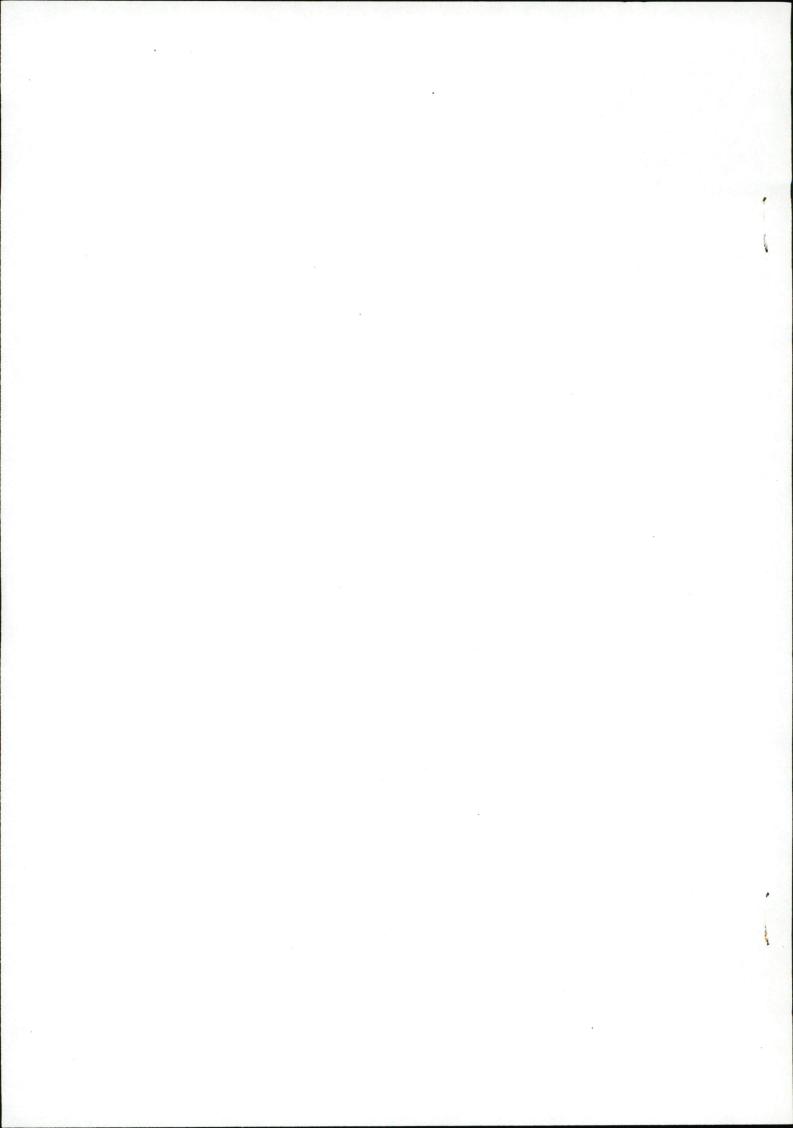


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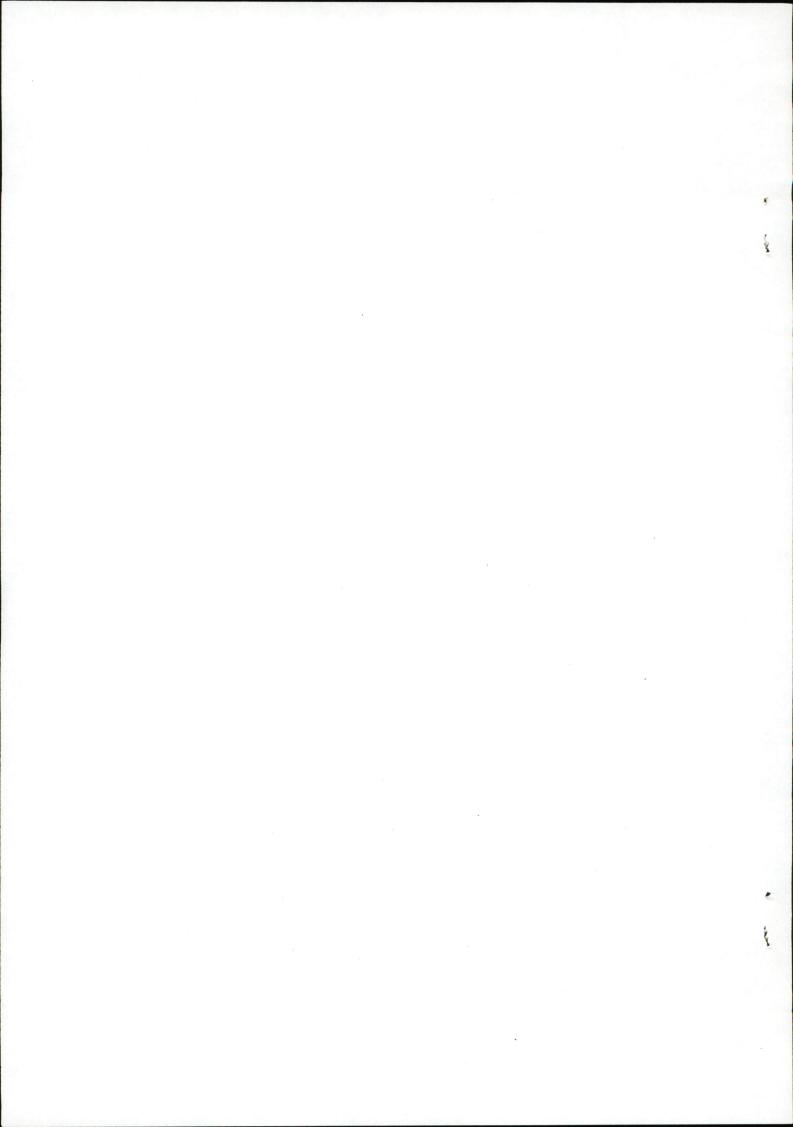


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