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Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Bill 1995

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

- (a) to establish 3 commercial port corporations as statutory State owned corporations, within the context of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* (which will own and operate the State's commercial port facilities in the major ports),
 - (b) to confer on the Minister the waterways management and other marine safety functions of the Maritime Services Board (MSB) under the existing marine legislation and to empower the Minister to delegate those functions,
 - (c) to establish the Waterways Authority (which will exercise those waterways management functions),
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- (d) to authorise the Port Corporations to carry out certain port safety functions in accordance with an operating licence issued by the Governor,
- (e) to continue existing port charges (but to provide for a port cargo access charge for all commercial shipping instead of wharfage charges for cargo at private wharves and certain other charges at the State's wharves),
- (f) to establish the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation (which will have the title to non-port related land and wetlands and certain port-related land of the MSB),
- (g) to consolidate the provisions of the existing marine legislation relating to certain port-related marine matters, such as pilotage and harbour masters,
- (h) to abolish the MSB and its subsidiaries and transfer their assets, rights and liabilities to the Port Corporations, the Ministerial Corporation, the Waterways Authority and others,
- (i) to repeal certain existing marine legislation (such as the *Marine Administration Act 1989* and the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Note. The Bill has been prepared on the basis that it will not commence until after the commencement of the *State Owned Corporations Amendment Bill 1995*.

Outline of provisions

Part 1 Preliminary

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 defines expressions used in the proposed Act. *Marine legislation* means this Act, the *Maritime Services Act 1935*, the *Marine Pollution Act 1987*, the *Commercial Vessels Act 1979*, the *Navigation Act 1901* and certain other Acts (including regulations and other instruments made under those Acts). The *MSB* means the Maritime Services Board and an *MSB subsidiary* means any MSB subsidiary ports authority or the MSB Waterways

Authority. *Port Corporation* means Newcastle Port Corporation, Port Kembla Port Corporation or Sydney Ports Corporation (each of which is established as a statutory State owned corporation by the proposed Act).

Clause 4 defines *vessel* for the purposes of the proposed Act.

Clause 5 dissolves the MSB and each of its subsidiaries. The clause gives effect to Schedule 1 (containing provisions relating to the transfer of MSB assets etc) and Schedule 2 (containing provisions relating to the transfer of former MSB staff other than senior executives).

Part 2 Port Corporations

Division 1 Establishment of Port Corporations as statutory State owned corporations

Clause 6 establishes Newcastle Port Corporation as a statutory State owned corporation under the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* (the "SOC Act").

Clause 7 establishes Port Kembla Port Corporation as a statutory State owned corporation under the SOC Act.

Clause 8 establishes Sydney Ports Corporation as a statutory State owned corporation under the SOC Act.

Division 2 Objectives and functions of Port Corporations

Clause 9 provides that the principal objects of each Port Corporation are:

- (a) to be a successful business and, to this end:
 - to operate at least as efficiently as any comparable businesses, and
 - to maximise the net worth of the State's investment in the Port Corporation, and
 - to exhibit a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate these when able to do so, and
- (b) to promote and facilitate trade through its port facilities, and
- (c) to ensure that its port safety functions under the marine legislation are carried out properly.

Clause 10 provides that the principal functions of each Port Corporation are:

- (a) to establish, manage and operate port facilities and services in its ports, and
- (b) to exercise the port safety functions for which it is licensed in accordance with its operating licence under Division 3.

A Port Corporation may also conduct any business that it considers will further its objectives (whether or not related to those principal functions).

Division 3 Operating licence for port safety functions of Port Corporations

Clause 11 defines certain functions of the Minister as port safety functions. These include navigation aids, vessel traffic control, pilotage, dredging and maintenance of navigation channels, emergency environment protection services and marine accident investigations.

Clause 12 provides for the exercise of port safety functions by Port Corporations. The functions are to be determined by the Minister and are to be exercised in accordance with an operating licence issued by the Governor.

Clause 13 enables the Governor to revoke or restrict an operating licence if the Port Corporation does not meet specified performance standards for services under the licence.

Clause 14 provides that the operating licence is to require the Port Corporation to pay a fee for the licence to fund marine regulatory functions. The licence may also provide for the Port Corporation to fix and collect navigation service charges payable by shipowners under Part 5 and for the remittance of part of that amount to the Minister.

Clause 15 makes miscellaneous provisions with respect to the operating licence, including provision for a maximum renewable term of 5 years for a licence.

Division 4 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities

Clause 16 enables the Minister to direct that certain assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary be transferred to the relevant Port Corporation. The relevant Port Corporation is:

- (a) in the case of the port of Newcastle—the Newcastle Port Corporation, and
- (b) in the case of Port Kembla—the Port Kembla Port Corporation, and
- (c) in the case of Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay—the Sydney Ports Corporation.

Clause 17 provides that assets, rights and liabilities transferred to or acquired by a Port Corporation in relation to its port safety functions may be reclaimed by the Minister.

Division 5 Miscellaneous

Clause 18 provides for the election of the staff director of the board of directors of each Port Corporation by the employees of the Port Corporation. The clause displaces the standard provisions in the SOC Act under which the staff director is selected by a panel of employee and employer representatives.

Clause 19 has the effect of prohibiting any land transferred to a Port Corporation under the proposed Act from being sold or disposed of without the prior written approval of the voting shareholders.

Clause 20 defines the foundation charter of a Port Corporation for the purposes of the SOC Act.

Clause 21 ensures that the Minister is consulted on appointments by the Governor of directors of a Port Corporation and on the statement of corporate intent of a Port Corporation.

Clause 22 gives words and expressions used in this Part the same meaning as they have in the SOC Act.

Part 3 Marine safety and other functions of Minister

Division 1 Marine safety and other marine legislation functions

Clause 23 provides that the Minister has the functions conferred or imposed on the Minister by or under the marine legislation. The remaining functions of the MSB under that legislation are to be transferred to the Minister by amendments to that legislation contained in Schedule 4.

Clause 24 provides that the Minister has general responsibility for marine safety (including the safe operation of recreational and commercial vessels, the safety of navigation in ports and other navigable waters and the protection of the environment in connection with the use of vessels in coastal waters and ports). The Minister will be able to discharge that responsibility through the Port Corporations (by operating licences) and through the Waterways Authority or Departmental staff (by delegation).

Clause 25 sets out particular marine safety functions of the Minister. These include providing or arranging for the provision of marine safety services (such as pilotage, navigation aids and vessel traffic control), the investigation of marine accidents and incidents and the provision of emergency environment protection services.

Clause 26 provides that the Minister is responsible for the commercial port facilities at trading ports not managed by a Port Corporation, such as Yamba and Eden.

Clause 27 allows the Minister to delegate his or her functions and provides for sub-delegation.

Clause 28 allows the Minister to enter into contracts for the supply of services required for the purpose of exercising the Minister's functions.

Division 2 Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation

Clause 29 constitutes the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation as a statutory body representing the Crown.

Clause 30 provides that the affairs of the Ministerial Corporation are to be managed and controlled by the Minister.

Clause 31 provides for the functions of the Ministerial Corporation. In addition to any functions conferred or imposed on it by or under the marine legislation or any other legislation, the Ministerial Corporation is to hold and dispose of assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it and to carry on activities or business relating to those assets, rights and liabilities. The clause enables the Minister to exercise his or her functions under the proposed Act and the other marine legislation in the name of the Ministerial Corporation.

Clause 32 provides that the remaining assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB and each MSB subsidiary (that is, those that are not transferred, by direction of the Minister, to a Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority or to another person on behalf of the State) are transferred to the Ministerial Corporation.

Clause 33 provides that the Ministerial Corporation may acquire land by agreement or by compulsory process in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*. Such land may be transferred to a Port Corporation in certain circumstances. The provision also deals with the application of the *Public Works Act 1912* to land acquired by the Ministerial Corporation.

Clause 34 deals with the seal of the Ministerial Corporation.

Part 4 Waterways Authority

Division 1 Constitution and management of Waterways Authority

Clause 35 constitutes the Waterways Authority as a statutory body representing the Crown.

Clause 36 provides for the appointment of the Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority by the Governor. It also allows the Minister to appoint an acting Chief Executive during the illness or absence of the Chief Executive.

Clause 37 provides for the management and control of the affairs of the Waterways Authority by the Chief Executive.

Clause 38 provides that the Waterways Authority is, in the exercise of its functions, subject to the control and direction of the Minister.

Clause 39 requires the Waterways Authority to prepare a corporate plan for each financial year and to exercise its functions, as far as practicable, in accordance with that plan.

Clause 40 provides for the employment of staff by the Waterways Authority and allows the Authority to arrange for the use of the services and facilities of Government agencies and to engage consultants.

Division 2 Functions of Waterways Authority

Clause 41 provides that the Waterways Authority has the functions conferred or imposed on it by law and, in particular, such of the Minister's waterways and other functions as are delegated to it. The provision also gives the Authority general powers in connection with the exercise of its functions.

Division 3 Financial and other provisions relating to Waterways Authority

Clause 42 establishes a fund to be called the Waterways Fund and provides for the payment into the Fund of money received by the Waterways Authority that is not required to be paid into the Consolidated Fund, penalties recovered for offences against the marine legislation and certain other money. It also provides for payments from the Fund.

Clause 43 allows the Waterways Authority to invest money in the Waterways Fund.

Clause 44 provides for the financial year of the Waterways Authority.

Clause 45 allows the Minister to direct that certain assets, rights and liabilities of the Ministerial Corporation (or the MSB or any MSB subsidiary) be transferred to the Waterways Authority or that certain assets, rights and liabilities of the Waterways Authority be transferred to the Ministerial Corporation.

Clause 46 deals with the seal of the Waterways Authority.

Part 5 Port charges

Division 1 Preliminary

Clause 47 defines expressions used in the proposed Part. Relevant port authority generally refers to the appropriate Port Corporation (in relation to commercial port charges and certain navigation service charges), the Minister (in relation to port cargo access charges, minor ports charges and certain other charges) or a private pilotage contractor (in relation to pilotage charges for services provided under contract). Designated port (in which most of the charges are payable) refers to a list of the major trading ports. The clause allows the regulations to add any port to, or omit any port from, the list of designated ports.

Clause 48 explains the meaning of owner of a vessel or cargo.

Division 2 Navigation service charges

Clause 49 provides that the Division applies to vessels in designated ports for which pilotage in the port is compulsory or which are declared by the regulations to be liable for navigation service charges.

Clause 50 provides that a navigation service charge is payable in respect of the general use by a vessel of a designated port and its infrastructure, apart from services for which pilotage or port cargo access charges are made and apart from the use of land-based port facilities. The charge is payable on each entry by the vessel into a designated port and is calculated by reference to the gross tonnage of the vessel. The navigation service charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned.

Clause 51 provides for the fixing of navigation service charges by the relevant port authority. Port Corporations may only fix the charges with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with their operating licence.

Division 3 Pilotage charges

Clause 52 provides that the Division applies to vessels in, approaching or leaving pilotage ports.

Clause 53 provides that a pilotage charge is payable in respect of a vessel on each occasion that it enters, leaves or moves within a pilotage port under the pilotage of a pilot (in accordance with Part 6). Pilotage charges are also payable for any deferral of pilotage and may be calculated by reference to the gross tonnage of the vessel concerned. The owner of the vessel concerned is liable for the pilotage charge.

Clause 54 allows the relevant port authority to fix pilotage charges. Port Corporations or contractors may only fix the charges with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with their operating licence or contract.

Division 4 Port cargo access charges

Clause 55 provides that the Division applies to vessels and their cargo in designated ports.

Clause 56 provides for the levying of a port cargo access charge in respect of port access for cargo at the interface between the vessel and land-based facilities for the purpose of stevedoring operations (whether at facilities of a Port Corporation or privately-owned facilities). The charge is to be calculated by reference to the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded and is payable by the owner of the loaded or unloaded cargo. The charge replaces the charge on cargo transferred on privately-owned facilities and the component for access in the wharfage charge at MSB facilities.

Clause 57 allows the Minister to fix port cargo access charges under the Division.

Division 5 Site occupation charges and wharfage charges

Clause 58 provides that the Division applies to vessels and their passengers and cargo in designated ports (other than at privately-owned wharves).

Clause 59 explains the meaning of site for the purposes of the Division. A site is an area designated by the Minister and defined on a map kept at the office of the Minister. The Minister may designate an area as a site only if it is owned or operated by a relevant port authority and it consists of an area of water surrounding or adjacent to a wharf, buoy or dolphin and the whole or part of the area of a wharf or dolphin.

Clause 60 provides for the levying of a site occupation charge for the occupation of all or part of a site. The charge is to be calculated by reference to the amount of time during which the site or part of it is reserved or occupied and is payable by the person whom the relevant port authority recognises as the occupier of the site or part.

Clause 61 provides for the levying of a wharfage charge in respect of availability of a site at which stevedoring operations may be carried out. The charge is to be calculated by reference to the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded and is payable by the owner of the loaded or unloaded cargo.

Clause 62 allows the relevant port authority to fix charges under the Division. Port Corporations may only fix the charges with the approval of the Minister.

Clause 63 provides for the phasing out of statutory-based charges payable under the Division by a relevant port authority, with charges ceasing to be payable on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation. After the statutory-based charges are phased out, ordinary commercial arrangements may be made for charging for the use of land-based port facilities.

Division 6 Berthing charges

Clause 64 provides that the Division applies to vessels in designated ports that are berthed at wharves, buoys or dolphins owned or operated by the Minister.

Clause 65 provides that a berthing charge is payable in respect of the berthing of a vessel if the vessel is a lighter or has a gross tonnage of less than that prescribed by the regulations. The charge is payable by the owner of the vessel.

Clause 66 allows the Minister to fix berthing charges.

Division 7 Agreements in respect of charges

Clause 67 allows the relevant port authority (with the approval of the Minister) to enter into an agreement with a person liable to pay any kind of charge under the proposed Part, providing for the fixing of the amount of any charge payable by the person and for other matters in relation to charges. Such an agreement may displace any determination made by the relevant port authority in relation to charges.

Division 8 Miscellaneous

Clause 68 provides that charges are payable on demand by the relevant port authority (as a debt due to the port authority) and allows agents to be appointed for the purposes of collection.

Clause 69 provides that payments made to the Minister of port cargo access charges and other charges are to be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Clause 70 provides that interest is payable on charges that are unpaid. The interest is payable at a rate determined by the relevant port authority, subject to a maximum rate (determined by reference to commercial rates of interest).

Clause 71 allows the relevant port authority to require a security deposit (in such form and amount as the authority requires) to be lodged with the authority, as security for the payment of charges that have been or may be incurred under the proposed Part. The port authority may appropriate that deposit or the proceeds of that deposit to meet the liabilities of the depositor under the proposed Part that are unpaid after becoming due.

Clause 72 allows the relevant port authority to withdraw the provision of services or facilities to a person if the person fails to comply with any lawful requirements of the authority in relation to those services and facilities.

Clause 73 makes the current owner of, and any agent for, a vessel liable for any unpaid charges in respect of the vessel.

Clause 74 allows the relevant port authority to waive or refund the whole or any part of a charge with the approval of the Minister.

Clause 75 provides that proposed Part does not apply in respect of vessels belonging to the Defence Force of Australia or their passengers or cargo (except by agreement).

Clause 76 allows regulations to be made for or with respect to charges under the proposed Part.

Part 6 Pilotage

Clause 77 defines expressions used in the proposed Part. The pilotage ports continue to be the existing trading ports in which pilotage is compulsory. The pilotage service provider will be the Port Corporation (under an operating licence), a contractor (under a continuation of the present arrangements) or the Minister (for the minor ports).

Clause 78 makes pilotage compulsory in every pilotage port and makes it an offence to enter, leave or move within a pilotage port without taking on the pilot assigned by the pilotage service provider for the port. The clause and the other provisions of the proposed Part generally continue existing provisions relating to pilotage that are contained in the *Pilotage Act 1971* (that Act is to be amended to restrict its operation to the licensing of pilots and certification of masters exempt from pilotage).

Clause 79 exempts certain vessels from compulsory pilotage (for example, a vessel whose master has a pilotage exemption certificate or a certificate of local knowledge, a recreational vessel or a vessel less than 30 metres in length).

Clause 80 makes it an offence for a person to act as a pilot in a pilotage port unless the person is assigned by the pilotage service provider for the port.

Clause 81 continues the existing provision in the *Pilotage Act 1971* that allows pilotage services (that are not carried out by a Port Corporation) to be carried out by a contractor after a public tender process.

Clause 82 deals with the deferral of pilotage generally.

Clause 83 enables a pilot to defer pilotage for safety reasons.

Clause 84 provides that the master of a vessel is required to assist the pilot.

Clause 85 provides that the master of the vessel is not relieved of responsibility for the navigation of the vessel because the vessel is under pilotage.

Clause 86 continues the existing provisions that the master and owner of a vessel under compulsory pilotage are liable for loss or damage caused by the vessel and the State, pilots, pilotage service providers and others are not liable for any loss or damage that is attributable to the negligence of a pilot.

Clause 87 makes it an offence for a pilot to wilfully endanger a vessel or its crew.

Clause 88 applies the proposed Part to pilotage that is not compulsory but is carried out at the request of the owner of a vessel

Clause 89 enables regulations to be made with respect to pilotage.

Part 7 Harbour masters

Clause 90 defines port (in which harbour masters may exercise their functions) to include any specially defined area of navigable waters.

Clause 91 provides for the appointment of harbour masters by the Minister from the staff of the Minister's Department or the staff of a Port Corporation.

Clause 92 enables the appointment of persons to assist harbour masters.

Clause 93 provides that harbour masters have the functions conferred by this Part and the other marine legislation, subject to any restriction imposed by the regulations or directions of the Minister.

Clause 94 continues the existing powers of harbour masters relating to the control of the movements and securing of vessels within ports.

Clause 95 confers power on a harbour master to direct that dangerous vessels (namely, those in imminent danger of sinking and obstructing the port or of causing serious damage to property) are not to enter the port or to leave the port.

Clause 96 enables the harbour master to carry out a direction that is not complied with and for the recovery of the expenses of doing so.

Clause 97 makes it an offence to fail to comply with a direction of the harbour master.

Clause 98 provides for the issue of identity cards to harbour masters.

Clause 99 protects harbour masters from personal liability.

Part 8 Legal proceedings

Clause 100 authorises the issue of penalty notices for offences against the proposed Act or other marine legislation.

Clause 101 provides that proceedings for offences against the proposed Act or the regulations are to be taken before a Local Court constituted by a Magistrate sitting alone.

Clause 102 allows those proceedings to be taken within 2 years instead of 6 months.

Clause 103 allows anyone to bring those proceedings.

Clause 104 deals with offences committed by corporations.

Part 9 Miscellaneous

Clause 105 empowers the making of regulations to define the boundaries of ports and other areas of water for the purposes of the marine legislation.

Clause 106 provides that the proposed Act binds the Crown.

Clause 107 allows the Ministerial Corporation, the Waterways Authority and any Department of the Minister to combine their financial and annual reports.

Clause 108 provides for the service of documents on the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority.

Clause 109 enables the Ministerial Corporation and the Waterways Authority to recover as a debt any charge, money or fee due to it, or to waive payment or refund any such charge, money or fee.

Clause 110 empowers the making of regulations for the purposes of the proposed Act.

Clause 111 gives effect to Schedule 3 which repeals certain existing marine legislation (including the *Marine Administration Act 1989*, the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* and the *Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900*).

Clause 112 gives effect to Schedule 4 (which contains consequential and other amendments to other Acts).

Clause 113 gives effect to Schedule 5 (which contains savings, transitional and other provisions).

Clause 114 provides for the review of the operation of the proposed Act by the Minister 5 years after the date of assent to the Act.

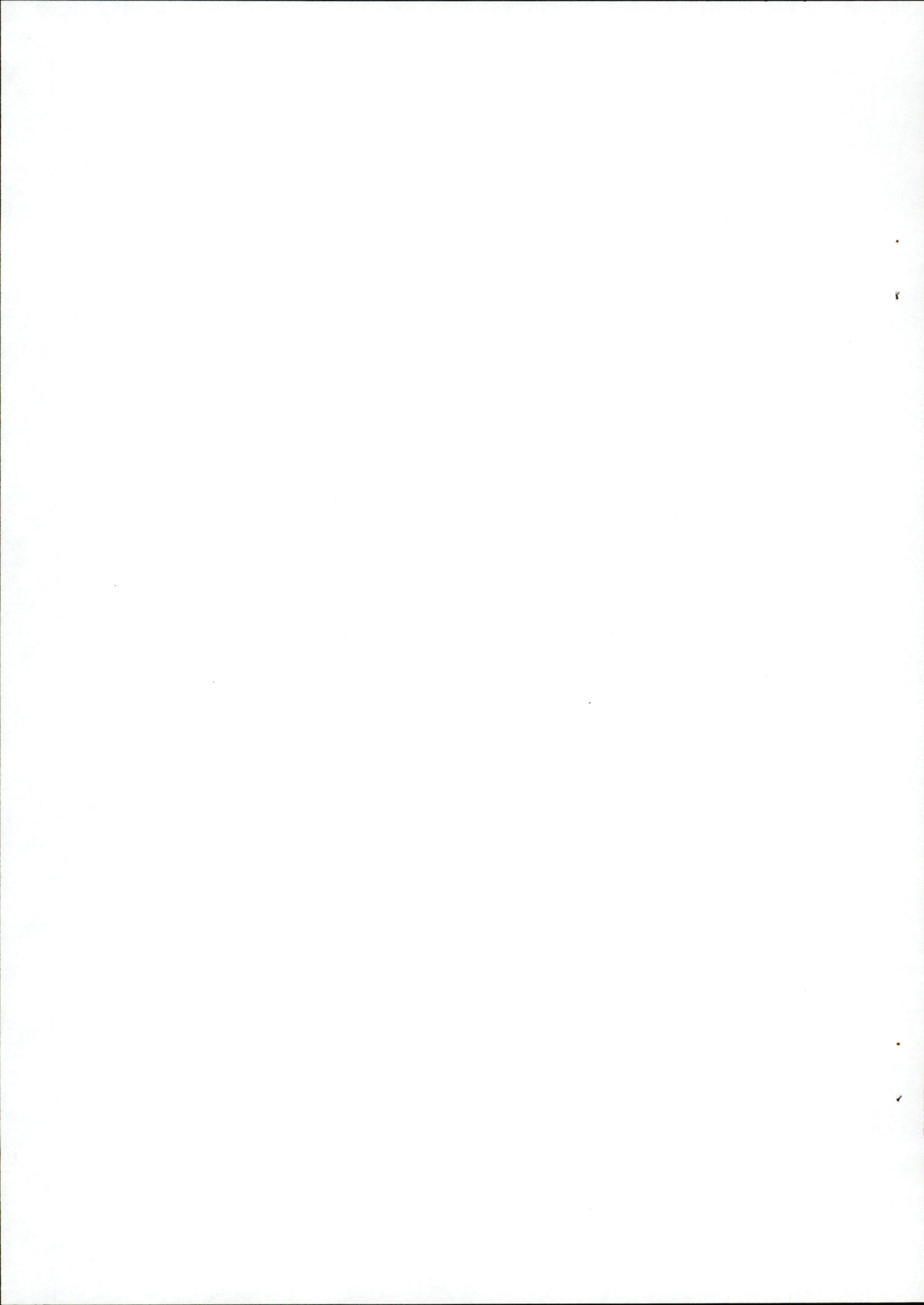
Schedule 1 contains provisions relating to the transfer of assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB and its subsidiaries under the proposed Act.

Schedule 2 contains provisions relating to the transfer of former MSB staff (other than senior executives). The former staff may be transferred to a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority. Remaining staff are entitled to a position in the Public Service and are to be appointed to the Department responsible to the Minister. The Schedule maintains existing employment entitlements on transfer and, in particular, provides for the continuation of the existing enterprise agreements applying to the MSB, the recognition of previous service with the MSB for all purposes, the maintenance of existing rates of pay on transfer, and provisions for staff mobility of former MSB staff among the new employers.

Schedule 3 sets out the Acts and regulations repealed by the proposed Act.

Schedule 4 contains consequential and other amendments to other Acts, including amendments to existing marine legislation to remove references to the MSB and to replace them with references to the Minister.

Schedule 5 contains savings, transitional and other provisions. In particular, the Schedule provides that the directors of the MSB and each MSB subsidiary, and senior executive staff members of the MSB, cease to hold their positions on the dissolution of the MSB and MSB subsidiaries. The Schedule also contains special provisions concerning MSB land in Sydney Harbour and other provisions consequent on the dissolution of the MSB.





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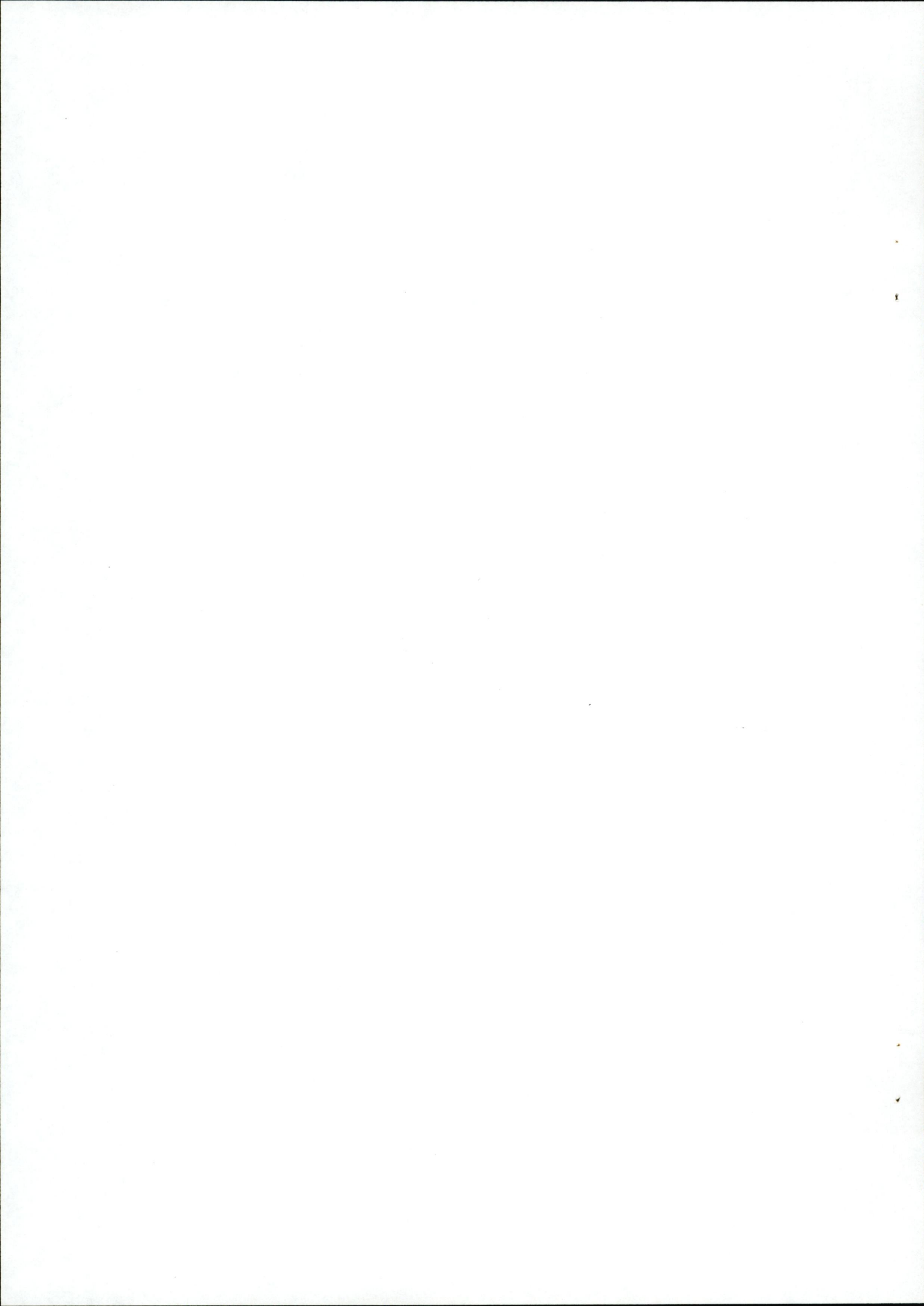
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No , 1995

A Bill for

An Act to establish statutory State owned corporations to operate the State's port facilities in the major ports; to transfer waterways management and other marine safety functions to the Minister; to establish the Waterways Authority to exercise those waterways management functions; to provide for port charges, pilotage and other marine matters; to dissolve the Maritime Services Board and its subsidiaries; to repeal certain existing marine legislation and to amend other legislation; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*. 5

2 Commencement

This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Act: 10

assets means any legal or equitable estate or interest (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent) in real or personal property of any description (including money), and includes securities, choses in action and documents.

commercial vessel has the same meaning it has in the *Commercial Vessels Act 1979*. 15

exercise a function includes perform a duty.

function includes a power, authority or duty.

harbour master means a person appointed or acting as harbour master under Part 7. 20

liabilities means any liabilities, debts and obligations (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent).

marine legislation means any of the following Acts (and the regulations and other instruments made under any of those Acts):
this Act 25

Navigation Act 1901

Maritime Services Act 1935

Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971

Commercial Vessels Act 1979

Marine Pollution Act 1987 30

Marine (Boating Safety—Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1991

Any other Act prescribed by the regulations.

master of a vessel means the person having the command or charge of the vessel, but does not include a pilot.

Ministerial Corporation means the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation constituted under Part 3.

MSB means the Maritime Services Board constituted under Part 2 of the *Marine Administration Act 1989*. 5

MSB subsidiary means:

- (a) any MSB subsidiary ports authority (being the MSB Hunter Ports Authority, the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority or the MSB Sydney Ports Authority, constituted under Part 3 of the *Marine Administration Act 1989*), or 10
- (b) the MSB Waterways Authority constituted under Part 3 of the *Marine Administration Act 1989*.

navigable waters means all waters (whether or not in the State) that are from time to time capable of navigation and are open to or used by the public for navigation, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise, but does not include flood waters that have temporarily flowed over the established bank of a watercourse. 15

navigation aid means any device used for the safety of navigation (such as a beacon, buoy or marine mark), but does not include a device on board a vessel. 20

operating licence of a Port Corporation means an operating licence issued to the Port Corporation by the Governor under Division 3 of Part 2.

owner of a vessel or cargo—see section 48. 25

pilot of a vessel means the person who has the conduct of the vessel but who does not belong to the vessel.

pilotage and **pilotage port** have the same meanings as in Part 6.

port includes any of following waters (or any part of those waters): 30

- (a) any harbour or haven, whether natural or artificial,
- (b) any estuary, channel, river, creek or roadstead,
- (c) any navigable water in which vessels may lie for shelter or for the transfer of cargo or passengers.

Port Corporation means the Newcastle Port Corporation, Port Kembla Port Corporation or Sydney Ports Corporation.

recreational vessel means a vessel other than a commercial vessel.

rights means all rights, powers, privileges and immunities (whether present or future or whether vested or contingent). 5

vessel—see section 4.

Waterways Authority means the Waterways Authority constituted under Part 4.

(2) Notes in the text of this Act do not form part of this Act. 10

Note. Penalties for offences are expressed in penalty units. Under the *Interpretation Act 1987*, the amount of a penalty unit was \$100 on the enactment of this Act.

4 Meaning of “vessel”

(1) In this Act, **vessel** includes water craft of any description used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. 15

(2) Without limiting the above, a vessel includes:

- (a) any non-displacement craft, and
- (b) a seaplane, but only while it is on water, and
- (c) anything used on water that is declared by the regulations to be a vessel. 20

(3) However, a vessel does not include anything that is declared by the regulations not to be a vessel.

5 Dissolution of MSB and its subsidiaries

(1) The MSB, and each MSB subsidiary, is dissolved. 25

(2) The following Schedules have effect:

Schedule 1 (Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities of MSB and its subsidiaries)

Schedule 2 (Transfer of former MSB staff other than senior executives). 30

Part 2 Port Corporations

Division 1 Establishment of Port Corporations as statutory State owned corporations

6 Establishment of Newcastle Port Corporation as statutory SOC

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Newcastle Port Corporation. 5
- (2) The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is amended by inserting in Part 1 of Schedule 5, in alphabetical order, the words "Newcastle Port Corporation".

7 Establishment of Port Kembla Port Corporation as statutory SOC 10

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Port Kembla Port Corporation.
- (2) The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is amended by inserting in Part 1 of Schedule 5, in alphabetical order, the words "Port Kembla Port Corporation". 15

8 Establishment of Sydney Ports Corporation as statutory SOC

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Sydney Ports Corporation.
- (2) The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is amended by inserting in Part 1 of Schedule 5, in alphabetical order, the words "Sydney Ports Corporation". 20

Note. The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* contains many provisions that apply to the Port Corporations as statutory State owned corporations. In particular, Part 3 contains provisions relating to their status, the application of the *Corporations Law*, the issue of shares to the Treasurer and another Minister, the board of directors, the chief executive officer, the employment of staff, the giving of directions by the portfolio Minister (including for the performance of non-commercial activities or the carrying out of public sector policies), the memorandum and articles, dividends and tax-equivalent 25 30

payments, government guarantees, the sale or disposal of assets and legal capacity. Part 4 deals with the accountability of State owned corporations (including statements of corporate intent, annual reports and accounts). Part 5 deals with miscellaneous matters (including the duties and liabilities of directors and the application of public sector legislation).

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Division 2 Objectives and functions of Port Corporations

9 Objectives of Port Corporations

The principal objectives of each Port Corporation are:

- (a) to be a successful business and, to this end:
 - (i) to operate at least as efficiently as any comparable businesses, and 10
 - (ii) to maximise the net worth of the State's investment in the Port Corporation, and
 - (iii) to exhibit a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate these when able to do so, and 15
- (b) to promote and facilitate trade through its port facilities, and
- (c) to ensure that its port safety functions are carried out properly. 20

10 Functions of Port Corporations

- (1) A Port Corporation has the functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this or any other Act or law.
- (2) The principal functions of each Port Corporation are: 25
 - (a) to establish, manage and operate port facilities and services in its ports, and
 - (b) to exercise the port safety functions for which it is licensed in accordance with its operating licence.
- (3) A Port Corporation may: 30
 - (a) provide facilities or services that are ancillary or incidental to its principal functions, and

(b) conduct any business (whether or not related to its principal functions) that it considers will further its objectives.

(4) This section does not limit the functions of a Port Corporation apart from this section, but is subject to the provisions of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the marine legislation and any other Act or law.

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Division 3 Operating licence for port safety functions of Port Corporations

11 Meaning of "port safety functions"

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In this Division, *port safety functions* means any or all of the following functions of the Minister:

- (a) the function of providing or arranging for the provision of safety services in respect of ports (such as the installation and maintenance of navigation aids, vessel traffic control, pilotage services, the dredging and maintenance of navigation channels and hydrographic services),
- (b) the function of providing or arranging for the provision of emergency environment protection services for dealing with pollution incidents in relevant waters,
- (c) the function of carrying out investigations into marine accidents or incidents,
- (d) any other function determined by the Minister and specified in an operating licence under this Division.

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12 Exercise of port safety functions under operating licence

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- (1) The port safety functions exercisable by a Port Corporation are to be determined by the Minister.
- (2) Any such port safety functions may only be exercised by a Port Corporation in accordance with an operating licence issued to the Port Corporation by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister.

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- (3) While a Port Corporation holds an operating licence, the Port Corporation must exercise the port safety functions to which it applies and must do so in accordance with the licence, the marine legislation and any other relevant Act or law.
- (4) This Division does not limit the functions that may be delegated to a Port Corporation under this Act. This Division also does not limit the exercise of port safety functions by the Minister or their delegation under the marine legislation to others. 5
- 13 Performance standards and quality assurance programs for services under operating licence 10**
- (1) An operating licence is to set out performance standards, and provide for quality assurance programs, for services to be provided by the Port Corporation in exercising port safety functions under the licence.
- (2) The Governor may vary an operating licence by omitting a port safety function from the licence if satisfied that the Port Corporation has failed to perform the service concerned to the standard required under the licence. 15
- 14 Fee for operating licence and other financial provisions**
- (1) An operating licence is to make provision for the payment to the Minister by the Port Corporation of a periodic licence fee. 20
- (2) An operating licence may make provision for the fixing and collection by, and payment to, the Port Corporation of navigation service charges in accordance with Part 5. The licence may provide for the remittance of any part of the amount collected to the Minister. 25
- 15 Other provisions relating to operating licence**
- (1) An operating licence may impose conditions and restrictions on the exercise of port safety functions under the licence.
- (2) The initial term of an operating licence is to be for a maximum of 5 years, as determined by the Governor. After the initial term, the Governor may renew an operating licence for a maximum of 5 years at a time (even if its term has expired). 30
- (3) An operating licence may be varied by the Governor during its term by notice served on the Port Corporation. 35

- (4) The Governor may cancel an operating licence for a contravention of the licence or in any other circumstances authorised by the licence.

Division 4 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities

16 Transfer of MSB port assets, rights and liabilities

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- (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, direct that such assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary, as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to a Port Corporation so specified.

- (2) Under such transfers:

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(a) assets, rights and liabilities relating to the port of Newcastle may be transferred to Newcastle Port Corporation, and

(b) assets, rights and liabilities relating to the port of Port Kembla may be transferred to Port Kembla Port Corporation, and

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(c) assets, rights and liabilities relating to the ports of Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay may be transferred to Sydney Ports Corporation.

- (3) The freehold title to land that comprises the bed of the waters of a port is not to be transferred to a Port Corporation under this section. However, this subsection does not prevent the transfer to a Port Corporation of the ownership of any facility installed on the bed of those waters.

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- (4) Assets, rights or liabilities may not be transferred under this section to a Port Corporation unless the Port Corporation is a statutory State owned corporation.

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- (5) Schedule 1 applies to an order under this section.

- (6) For the purposes of this section, the assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary include:

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(a) any assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary that have vested in the Ministerial Corporation under this Act (but only during the period of 12 months after the dissolution of the MSB), and

(b) any assets, rights or liabilities used by or attaching to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary and belonging to the State or an authority of the State.

(7) Section 20C of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* does not apply to the assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or an MSB subsidiary. 5

17 Port safety assets, rights and liabilities

(1) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such port safety assets, rights and liabilities of a Port Corporation, as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to the Ministerial Corporation or to any other person on behalf of the State. 10

(2) The port safety assets, rights and liabilities are those designated as such when transferred to the Port Corporation by order of the Minister under this Act or any other assets, rights and liabilities that relate to the port safety functions of the Port Corporation and are designated as such in the most recent statement of corporate intent of the Port Corporation. 15

(3) An order under this section may be made on such terms and conditions as are specified or referred to in the order.

(4) Schedule 1 applies to an order under this section. 20

Division 5 Miscellaneous

18 Special provision for election of staff director

(1) The staff director of the board of directors of a Port Corporation (referred to in section 20J (3) (a) of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*) is to be a person elected in the manner prescribed by this section instead of a person selected in the manner prescribed by that Act. 25

(2) Regulations may be made for or with respect to the election of a staff director.

(3) Employees of a Port Corporation are entitled to vote at an election of the staff director of the board of the Port Corporation in accordance with the regulations under this section. 30

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- (4) A person is entitled to be elected as the staff director of the board of a Port Corporation whether or not the person is an employee of the Port Corporation.
- (5) The Electoral Commissioner of New South Wales, or a person nominated by the Electoral Commissioner, is to be the returning officer and has all the functions conferred or imposed on the returning officer by the regulations under this section. A Port Corporation is required to re-imburse the Electoral Commissioner for the costs incurred by the Electoral Commissioner in conducting an election for the staff director of that Port Corporation. 5
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- (6) A person may be, at the same time, both a staff director and an employee of the Port Corporation concerned. Nothing in any law, rule, direction or other requirement that:
- (a) is applicable to a staff director in the person's capacity as an employee of the Port Corporation, and 15
- (b) would not be so applicable if the person were not such an employee,
- operates so as to prevent or restrict the exercise by the person of his or her functions as a staff director. 20
- (7) If an election fails for any reason or a staff director vacates office before the end of the person's term of office, any person nominated by the Minister after consultation with representatives of the employees of the Port Corporation may be appointed as the staff director under section 20J (3) (a) of the *State Owned Corporation Act 1989* to hold office until an election of a staff director is held in the manner prescribed by this section. Such an appointment may also be made in the case of the first staff director after the establishment of the Port Corporation pending the first election. 25
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- (8) The term for which a staff director is appointed (as specified in the director's instrument of appointment) is to be not less than 3 years. This subsection does not apply to an appointment referred to in subsection (7).

- (9) In this section, *employee* of a Port Corporation means any member of the staff of the Port Corporation, but (unless the regulations under this section otherwise provide) does not include a person who is employed on a temporary or casual basis.

Note. Section 20J (3) of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* provides that one of the directors of a statutory SOC is to be a staff director. The above section provides for the manner of selecting that staff director (as contemplated by that Act—see clause 4 of Schedule 8 to that Act). 5

19 Restriction on sale or disposal of transferred land

For the purposes of section 20Y of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the main undertaking of a Port Corporation includes any land that is transferred to the Port Corporation by order under this Part. 10

Note. Section 20Y of that Act prohibits the sale or disposal of any of the main undertakings of a statutory SOC (as described in its statement of corporate intent) without the prior written approval of the voting shareholders. 15

20 Foundation charter of Port Corporation for purposes of SOC Act

For the purposes of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the foundation charter of a Port Corporation is this Part of this Act (but not the remainder of this Act). 20

Note. Section 3 of that Act defines the foundation charter of a statutory SOC as the whole of the Act by which a SOC is established for the purposes of the SOC Act, in particular for the purpose of provisions relating to the legal capacity of statutory SOCs and assumptions that they have complied with that Act and their foundation charter. 25

21 Consultation with Minister on appointment of directors of Port Corporation and on statement of corporate intent

- (1) The voting shareholders of a Port Corporation are to consult the Minister about any proposed recommendation of the voting shareholders to appoint directors of the Port Corporation under section 20J of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*. 30

- (2) The voting shareholders of a Port Corporation are also to consult the Minister about any proposed action of the voting shareholders concerning the preparation, completion or modification of the statement of corporate intent of the Port Corporation under section 21 of that Act.

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22 Interpretation of this Part

Words and expressions used in this Part and also in the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* have the same meanings in this Part as they have in that Act.

Part 3 Marine safety and other functions of Minister

Division 1 Marine safety and other marine legislation functions

23 Functions under marine legislation 5

The Minister has such functions as are conferred or imposed on the Minister by or under the marine legislation.

Note. The remaining functions of the MSB under the marine legislation have been conferred on the Minister by amendments to that legislation contained in Schedule 4. 10

24 Marine safety functions generally

The Minister has general responsibility for marine safety, including:

- (a) the safe operation of recreational and commercial vessels, and 15
- (b) the safety of navigation in ports and other navigable waters, and
- (c) the protection of the environment in connection with the use of vessels in State waters (within the meaning of the *Marine Pollution Act 1987*). 20

25 Particular marine safety functions

The Minister has the following particular marine safety functions:

- (a) to provide or arrange for the provision of marine safety services in accordance with the marine legislation (such as the installation and maintenance of navigation aids, vessel traffic control within ports, moorings in ports for vessels, pilotage services within ports, the dredging and maintenance of navigation channels and hydrographic services), 25 30

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- (b) to investigate or arrange for the investigation of marine accidents and incidents,
 - (c) to provide or arrange for the provision of emergency environment protection services for dealing with pollution incidents in State waters (within the meaning of the *Marine Pollution Act 1987*). 5

26 Management of trading ports not managed by Port Corporations

- (1) The Minister has the function of managing, or arranging for the management of, the commercial port facilities of the State that are not managed by a Port Corporation. 10
- (2) Those commercial port facilities comprise the port facilities that are vested in the Ministerial Corporation. They also comprise any port facilities that are vested in another State authority and that the Minister has undertaken to manage with the agreement of that other State authority. 15
- (3) The Minister may establish committees to advise it on the management of those facilities.

Note. On the enactment of this Act, the commercial port facilities at the ports of Yamba and Eden will be subject to the management of the Minister under the above section. 20

27 Delegation of functions by Minister

- (1) The Minister may delegate to an authorised person any of the functions of the Minister under the marine legislation, other than this power of delegation. 25
- (2) A delegate may sub-delegate to an authorised person any function delegated by the Minister if the delegate is authorised in writing to do so by the Minister.
- (3) In this section, *authorised person* means:
 - (a) the Waterways Authority or a member of the staff of the Waterways Authority, or 30

- (b) a Port Corporation or a member of the staff of a Port Corporation, or
- (c) a harbour master or acting harbour master, or
- (d) a public servant, or
- (e) any person of a class prescribed by the regulations. 5

28 Minister may contract for supply of services

- (1) The Minister may enter into contracts for the supply of services required to be provided by the Minister in the exercise of the functions of the Minister referred to in this Division.
- (2) This section does not affect any other power of the Minister to enter into a contract for the supply of services. 10

Division 2 Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation

29 Constitution of Ministerial Corporation

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a body corporate with the corporate name of the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation. 15
- (2) The Ministerial Corporation is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

30 Minister to manage and control affairs of Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The affairs of the Ministerial Corporation are to be managed and controlled by the Minister. 20
- (2) Any act, matter or thing done in the name of, or on behalf of, the Ministerial Corporation by the Minister is taken to have been done by the Ministerial Corporation.

31 Functions of Ministerial Corporation 25

- (1) The Ministerial Corporation has the functions conferred or imposed on the Ministerial Corporation by or under the marine legislation or any other Act or law.

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- (2) The functions of the Ministerial Corporation include the following:
- (a) to hold on behalf of the State, retain, transfer and dispose of assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it under this Act, 5
 - (b) to acquire, exchange, lease, dispose of and otherwise deal with property,
 - (c) to develop and manage land transferred to it under this Act or otherwise acquired by it,
 - (d) to carry on any activity or business that relates to the assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it or that is incidental or ancillary to the assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it. 10
- (3) The Minister may exercise any function referred to in Division 1 in the name of the Ministerial Corporation, and for that purpose the Ministerial Corporation has those functions of the Minister. 15
- (4) The Ministerial Corporation may do all such things as are supplemental or incidental to the exercise of its functions.
- 32 Transfer of remaining assets, rights and liabilities to Ministerial Corporation on dissolution of MSB and its subsidiaries 20**
- (1) The remaining MSB assets, rights and liabilities are transferred to the Ministerial Corporation.
 - (2) The remaining MSB assets, rights and liabilities are the assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB and each MSB subsidiary immediately before their dissolution by this Act, other than: 25
 - (a) any such assets, rights or liabilities as are transferred, on or before that dissolution, to a Port Corporation by an order made under section 16 or to the Waterways Authority by an order made under section 45, and
 - (b) any such assets, rights or liabilities as are transferred to a person or persons on behalf of the State by an order made under subsection (3) on or before that dissolution. 30
 - (3) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary as are specified or referred to in the order be transferred to such person or persons (other than a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority) on behalf of the State as is specified in the order. 35
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- (4) Schedule 1 applies to the transfer of the remaining MSB assets, rights and liabilities to the Ministerial Corporation under subsection (1) and also applies to an order under subsection (3).
- (5) This section is subject to Schedule 2 (Transfer of former MSB staff other than senior executives). 5

33 Acquisition of land by Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The Ministerial Corporation may, for the purposes of the marine legislation, acquire land (including an interest in land) by agreement or by compulsory process in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*. 10
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), land may be so acquired for the purposes of the Minister under the marine legislation, the Waterways Authority or a Port Corporation.
- (3) Land so acquired for the purposes of a Port Corporation may be transferred to the Port Corporation or a subsidiary of the Port Corporation, but only if the Port Corporation or subsidiary makes provision to the satisfaction of the Ministerial Corporation for the payment of the purchase price or of compensation for compulsory acquisition (together with all necessary charges and expenses incidental to the acquisition). 15
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- (4) For the purposes of the *Public Works Act 1912*, any such acquisition of land is taken to be for an authorised work and the Ministerial Corporation is, in relation to that authorised work, taken to be the Constructing Authority.
- (5) Sections 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the *Public Works Act 1912* do not apply in respect of works constructed under this Act. 25

34 Seal of Ministerial Corporation

The seal of the Ministerial Corporation is to be kept by the Minister and may be affixed to a document only:

- (a) in the presence of the Minister or a person authorised in that behalf by the Minister, and 30
- (b) with an attestation by the signature of the Minister or that person of the fact of the affixing of the seal.

Part 4 Waterways Authority

Division 1 Constitution and management of Waterways Authority

35 Constitution of Authority

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a body corporate with the corporate name of the Waterways Authority. 5
- (2) The Waterways Authority is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

36 Chief Executive of Authority

- (1) The Governor may appoint a Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority. 10
- (2) The employment of the Chief Executive is subject to Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988*, but is not subject to Part 2 of that Act.
- (3) The Minister may, from time to time, appoint a person to act in the office of the Chief Executive during the illness or absence of the Chief Executive (or during a vacancy in the office of Chief Executive) and the person, while so acting, has all the functions of the Chief Executive and is taken to be the Chief Executive. 15
- (4) The Minister may, at any time, remove a person from office as acting Chief Executive. 20
- (5) An acting Chief Executive is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine.

37 Chief Executive to manage and control affairs of Authority 25

- (1) The affairs of the Waterways Authority are to be managed and controlled by the Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority.

- (2) Any act, matter or thing done in the name of, or on behalf of, the Waterways Authority by the Chief Executive is taken to have been done by the Waterways Authority.

38 Ministerial control of Authority

The Waterways Authority is, in the exercise of its functions, subject to the control and direction of the Minister. 5

39 Corporate plan

- (1) The Waterways Authority is required to prepare and deliver to the Minister, at least 3 months before the beginning of each financial year of the Waterways Authority, a draft corporate plan for the financial year. 10
- (2) The Waterways Authority:
- (a) must consider any comments on the draft corporate plan that are made by the Minister within 2 months after the plan is delivered to the Minister, and 15
 - (b) must deliver the completed corporate plan to the Minister before the beginning of the financial year concerned.
- (3) The Waterways Authority is, as far as practicable, to exercise its functions in accordance with the relevant corporate plan.
- (4) A corporate plan must specify: 20
- (a) the objectives of the activities of the Waterways Authority for the financial year concerned and for such future financial years as the Minister directs, and
 - (b) the strategies, policies and budgets for achieving those objectives, and 25
 - (c) targets and criteria for assessing the performance of the Waterways Authority.
- (5) This section is subject to the requirements of any law, including the requirements of a direction of the Minister under this Act.

40 Staff of Authority 30

- (1) The Waterways Authority may employ such staff as it requires to exercise its functions.

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- (2) The Waterways Authority may fix the salary, wages and conditions of its staff in so far as they are not fixed by or under any other Act or law.
- (3) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the employment of the staff of the Waterways Authority, including the conditions of employment and the discipline of any such staff. 5
- (4) Any such regulations relating to the conditions of employment or the discipline of staff:
- (a) have effect subject to any relevant award made by a competent industrial tribunal and to any industrial agreement or enterprise agreement to which the Waterways Authority is a party, and 10
- (b) have effect despite any determination of the Waterways Authority under subsection (2). 15
- (5) The Waterways Authority may arrange for the use of the services of any staff (by secondment or otherwise) or facilities of a Government agency or any other public or local authority. Any staff of whose services the Waterways Authority makes use is taken to be the staff of the Waterways Authority for the purposes of this Act and any other Act that confers functions on the Waterways Authority. 20
- (6) The Waterways Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, engage consultants.

Division 2 Functions of Waterways Authority 25

41 Functions of Authority

- (1) The Waterways Authority has the functions conferred or imposed on it by or under the marine legislation or any other Act or law.
- (2) The Waterways Authority has such waterways management or other functions of the Minister under the marine legislation as are delegated to it by the Minister. 30

- (3) The Waterways Authority may:
- (a) for the purpose of exercising its functions, acquire, use or dispose of land, buildings, vessels, equipment and other assets, and
 - (b) for the purpose of exercising its functions, enter into any contracts or arrangements for the carrying out of any works or the performance of services or the supply of goods or materials, and 5
 - (c) for the purpose of exercising its functions, appoint agents and act as agent for other persons, and 10
 - (d) do all such things as are supplemental or incidental to the exercise of its functions, and
 - (e) exercise its functions within or outside New South Wales.

Division 3 Financial and other provisions relating to Waterways Authority 15

42 Waterways Fund

- (1) There is established a fund to be called the Waterways Fund.
- (2) There is payable into the Waterways Fund:
 - (a) all money received by the Waterways Authority (other than money required under subsection (3) to be paid into the Consolidated Fund), and 20
 - (b) all penalties recovered for offences against the marine legislation that are recovered in prosecutions brought by (or penalty notices issued by) members of staff of the Waterways Authority, and 25
 - (c) all interest received in respect of the investment of money belonging to the Fund, and
 - (d) all money borrowed by the Waterways Authority, and
 - (e) all money appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Waterways Authority, and 30
 - (f) all money directed to be paid into the Fund by this or any other Act.

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- (3) The Minister may, with the concurrence of the Treasurer, determine whether money received by the Waterways Authority in the exercise of functions delegated to it by the Minister is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund or the Waterways Fund.
- (4) There is payable from the Waterways Fund: 5
- (a) all payments made on account of the Waterways Authority or otherwise required to meet the expenditure incurred in relation to the functions of the Waterways Authority, and
 - (b) the remuneration (including allowances) of the Chief Executive and staff of the Waterways Authority, and 10
 - (c) all money directed to be paid from the Fund by this or any other Act.
- (5) All money payable into the Fund is to be paid into a bank or banks in New South Wales.
- 43 Investment** 15
- The Waterways Authority may invest money in the Waterways Fund:
- (a) in such manner as may be authorised by the *Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Act 1987*, or
 - (b) if that Act does not confer power on the Waterways Authority to invest money—in accordance with the *Trustee Act 1925* or in any other manner approved by the Minister with the concurrence of the Treasurer. 20
- 44 Financial year of Authority**
- (1) The financial year of the Waterways Authority is the year commencing on 1 July. 25
 - (2) A different financial year may be determined by the Treasurer under section 4 (1A) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*.
- 45 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities to or from Waterways Authority** 30
- (1) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such assets, rights and liabilities of the Ministerial Corporation (or of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary), as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to the Waterways Authority.

- (2) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such assets, rights and liabilities of the Waterways Authority, as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to the Ministerial Corporation.
- (3) An order under this section may be made on such terms and conditions as are specified or referred to in the order. 5
- (4) Schedule 1 applies to an order under this section.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, the assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary include any assets, rights or liabilities used by or attaching to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary and belonging to the State or an authority of the State. 10

46 Seal of Authority

The seal of the Waterways Authority is to be kept by the Chief Executive of the Authority and may be affixed to a document only: 15

- (a) in the presence of the Chief Executive or a member of the staff of the Authority authorised in that behalf by the Chief Executive, and
- (b) with an attestation by the signature of the Chief Executive or that member of the fact of the affixing of the seal. 20

Part 5 Port charges

Division 1 Preliminary

47 Definitions generally

(1) In this Part:

buoy means a floating apparatus (other than a vessel) that is in navigable waters and used for securing a vessel. 5

cargo includes any container or other item used to contain any substance or article.

designated port means (subject to subsection (3)) any of the following ports: 10

- (a) Sydney Harbour,
- (b) Botany Bay,
- (c) Newcastle,
- (d) Port Kembla,
- (e) Yamba, 15
- (f) Eden.

Note. On the enactment of this Act, the ports that are pilotage ports are the same as the ports that are designated ports.

dolphin means an apparatus or a structure (other than a wharf or buoy) that is permanently fixed to the bed of navigable waters and that is used for securing a vessel. 20

relevant port authority means:

- (a) in relation to navigation service charges fixed under an operating licence issued to a Port Corporation—that Port Corporation, or 25
- (b) in relation to any other navigation service charges—the Minister, or
- (c) in relation to pilotage charges—the pilotage service provider (within the meaning of Part 6), or
- (d) in relation to port cargo access charges—the Minister, or 30

- (e) in relation to site occupation and wharfage charges for sites owned or operated by a Port Corporation—that Port Corporation, or
- (f) in relation to site occupation and wharfage charges for other sites or in relation to berthing charges—the Minister. 5

site means a site referred to in section 59.

stevedoring means the loading or unloading of the cargo of a vessel and incidental activities such as the handling or storage of cargo or stevedoring equipment at the place at which the cargo is loaded or unloaded. 10

- (2) A reference in this Part to anything owned or operated by the Minister includes a reference to anything owned or operated by the Ministerial Corporation.
- (3) The regulations may provide that any other port is a designated port for the purposes of this Part or that a port is no longer such a designated port. 15

48 Meaning of “owner” of vessel or cargo

- (1) In this Act, *owner* of a vessel or cargo means (subject to this section) the person who owns the vessel or cargo.
- (2) A reference in this Act to the owner of a vessel includes a reference to: 20
 - (a) a person registered as the vessel’s owner in the relevant authority under the marine legislation or other certificate of registry for the vessel, or
 - (b) a person who has chartered the vessel. 25
- (3) A reference in this Act to the owner of a vessel or cargo includes a reference to a joint owner of the vessel or cargo.
- (4) A reference in this Act to the owner of a vessel or cargo includes a reference to any person who, whether on the person’s own behalf or on behalf of another: 30
 - (a) exercises any of the functions of the owner of the vessel or cargo, or
 - (b) represents to the relevant port authority that the person has those functions or accepts the obligation to exercise those functions. 35

- (5) For the purposes of this Act, a person does not cease to be an owner of a vessel because the vessel is mortgaged, chartered, leased or hired to another person.

Division 2 Navigation service charges

49 Application of Division

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This Division applies to the following vessels in designated ports:

- (a) vessels for which pilotage in such a port is compulsory under Part 6,
- (b) vessels for which pilotage would be compulsory if the master did not hold a pilotage exemption certificate,
- (c) vessels declared by the regulations to be liable for navigation service charges.

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50 Imposition of navigation service charge

- (1) A navigation service charge is payable in respect of the general use by a vessel of a designated port and its infrastructure, apart from:
 - (a) the use of a pilot, or
 - (b) the use of land-based port facilities and staff directly involved in providing services at those facilities, or
 - (c) port access for cargo at the interface between the vessel and land-based facilities for the purpose of stevedoring operations.
- (2) The charge is payable on each entry by the vessel into any designated port. Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the charge is to be calculated by reference to the gross tonnage of the vessel.
- (3) The charge is payable whether entry to the waters of a port is by sea or from the land (or, in the case of a seaplane, from the air).
- (4) A navigation service charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned.

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51 Fixing of navigation service charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix navigation service charges.

- (2) If the relevant port authority is a Port Corporation, the navigation service charges may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with the operating licence issued to the Port Corporation.
- (3) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports or vessels, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit. 5

Division 3 Pilotage charges

52 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels entering, moving within or leaving pilotage ports. 10

53 Pilotage charges

- (1) A pilotage charge is payable in respect of a vessel on each occasion that it:
- (a) enters, or 15
- (b) leaves, or
- (c) moves within,
- a pilotage port under the pilotage of a pilot in accordance with Part 6.
- (2) A pilotage charge is also payable for any deferral of pilotage authorised by Part 6 or at the request of the owner or master of the vessel. 20
- (3) Pilotage charges may be calculated (but are not required to be calculated) by reference to the gross tonnage of the vessel.
- (4) A pilotage charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned. 25

54 Fixing of pilotage charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix pilotage charges.

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- (2) If the relevant port authority is a Port Corporation, the pilotage charges may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with the operating licence issued to the Port Corporation.
- (3) If the relevant port authority is a contractor, the pilotage charges may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with the contract with the Minister to provide the pilotage services. 5
- (4) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports or vessels, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit. 10

Division 4 Port cargo access charges

55 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels and their cargo in designated ports.

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56 Port cargo access charge

- (1) A port cargo access charge is payable in respect of port access for cargo at the interface between the vessel and land-based facilities for the purpose of stevedoring operations.
- (2) The charge is payable whether the stevedoring operations are carried out at the facilities of a Port Corporation, privately-owned facilities or other facilities. 20
- (3) Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the charge is to be calculated by reference to the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded at the facility. 25
- (4) The charge is payable:
- (a) in the case of cargo that is unloaded at the facility—by the person who, immediately after it is unloaded, is the owner of the cargo, and
- (b) in the case of cargo that is loaded at the facility—by the person who, immediately before it is loaded, is the owner of the cargo. 30

- (5) To the extent, however, that the charge is not paid by the person indicated in subsection (4) as liable for its payment, the charge is payable by the person who, at the time payment is demanded, is the owner of the cargo.

57 Fixing of port cargo access charges 5

- (1) The Minister may fix port cargo access charges.
- (2) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports, cargo or vessels, or according to such other factors as the Minister thinks fit.

Division 5 Site occupation charges and wharfage charges 10

58 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels and their passengers and cargo in designated ports, but only applies in respect of sites owned or operated by a Port Corporation or the Minister (being the relevant port authorities for the purposes of this Division). 15

59 Meaning of "site"

- (1) For the purposes of this Division, a *site* is an area designated by the Minister under this Division and defined on a map kept at the office of the Minister.
- (2) The Minister may designate an area as a site, but only if it is owned or operated by a relevant port authority and it consists of: 20
- (a) an area of water surrounding or adjacent to a wharf, buoy or dolphin, and
- (b) in the case of a wharf or a dolphin—the whole or part of the area of the wharf or dolphin. 25

The designated site includes any stratum of the air space above, or of the land or water below, an area so designated.

- (3) In subsection (2), *wharf* includes any land adjacent to it.

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- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) (a), an area of water is owned or operated by the relevant port authority only if:
- (a) the bed of the water is owned or leased by the relevant port authority, or
 - (b) the bed of the water is owned or leased by the State or the Ministerial Corporation and the Minister approves of that area of water being included in a site operated by the relevant port authority. 5
- (5) The relevant port authority is to keep at its office a copy of a map defining each site it owns or operates. 10
- (6) A map or a copy of a map referred to in this section may be inspected, without charge, by any person during business hours at the office at which it is kept.
- (7) For the purposes of any legal proceedings, an area defined on a map kept at the office of the Minister is taken to have been duly designated as a site by the Minister under this Division unless the contrary is established. 15
- (8) An area that, immediately before the repeal of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*, was a site within the meaning of that Act and is owned or operated by a relevant port authority is (subject to this section) a site for the purposes of this Division. 20

60 Site occupation charge

- (1) A site occupation charge is payable in respect of the occupation of all or part of a site:
- (a) for stevedoring purposes, or 25
 - (b) for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers, or
 - (c) for the accommodation of a vessel for any purpose (including quarantine or customs purposes), or
 - (d) for any other purpose in connection with a vessel, its passengers or cargo. 30
- (2) Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the charge is to be calculated by reference to the amount of time (as ascertained by the relevant port authority) during which the site, or a part of it, is reserved or is occupied without reservation.
- (3) The charge is payable by the person whom the relevant port authority recognises as the occupier of the site or part. 35

61 Wharfage charge

- (1) A wharfage charge is payable in respect of availability of a site at which stevedoring operations may be carried out.
- (2) The charge is to be calculated by reference to the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded at the site. 5
- (3) The charge is payable:
 - (a) in the case of cargo that is unloaded at the site—by the person who, immediately after it is unloaded, is the owner of the cargo, and
 - (b) in the case of cargo that is loaded at the site—by the person who, immediately before it is loaded, is the owner of the cargo. 10
- (4) To the extent, however, that the charge is not paid by the person indicated in subsection (3) as liable for its payment, the charge is payable by the person who, at the time payment is demanded by the relevant port authority, is the owner of the cargo. 15

62 Fixing of charges under this Division

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix the charges payable under this Division.
- (2) If the relevant port authority is a Port Corporation, the charges under this Division may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister. 20
- (3) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports, sites, cargo or vessels, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit. 25

63 Replacement of statutory charges with contractual charges

- (1) Charges cease to be payable under this Division on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), different days may be appointed in respect of charges payable to different relevant port authorities or in respect of different charges or other circumstances. 30

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- (3) A proclamation under this section may be varied by a subsequent proclamation (whether before or after the day appointed by the original proclamation).
- (4) Any liability incurred under this Division before a charge ceases to be payable is not affected and the provisions of this Part continue to apply to that liability. 5
- (5) The fact that charges cease to be payable under this Division does not prevent commercial arrangements from being made for the payment of charges for services provided after that time.

Division 6 Berthing charges 10

64 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels in designated ports that are berthed at wharves, buoys or dolphins owned or operated by the Minister (being the relevant port authority for the purposes of this Division). 15

65 Berthing charge

- (1) A berthing charge is payable in respect of the berthing of a vessel at a wharf, buoy or dolphin if the vessel is a lighter or has a gross tonnage of less than that prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) The berthing charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned. 20
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a vessel is taken to be berthed at a wharf, buoy or dolphin:
- (a) if it is secured to or otherwise held at the wharf, buoy or dolphin, or 25
- (b) if it is one of a number of vessels secured or otherwise held together, one of which is secured to or otherwise held at the wharf, buoy or dolphin.

66 Fixing of berthing charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix berthing charges.
- (2) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports, vessels, wharves, buoys or dolphins, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit. 5

Division 7 Agreements in respect of charges

67 Agreements in respect of charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into an agreement with a person liable to pay any kind of charge under this Part. 10
- (2) Such an agreement may make provision for or with respect to:
 - (a) fixing the amount of any charge payable by the person to the relevant port authority, and
 - (b) any other matter which the relevant port authority is permitted by or under this Part to determine in respect of the charge, and 15
 - (c) any right or privilege which by or under this Part accrues to the person liable to pay the charge, or which the relevant port authority may confer on the person.
- (3) To the extent that provision is so made, the agreement displaces any determinations of the relevant port authority in relation to the charge or to the matter, right or privilege concerned. 20

Division 8 Miscellaneous

68 Payment and collection of charges

- (1) A charge under this Part is payable on demand by the relevant port authority, or at such time, or on such terms, as the relevant port authority may determine in respect of the person liable to pay it. 25

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- (2) Agents may be appointed by the relevant port authority for collection of charges.
- (3) If the relevant port authority is the Minister, the Minister may appoint a Port Corporation or any other person as the agent for the collection of charges. The appointment may also be made in an operating licence issued to a Port Corporation. 5
- (4) A charge under this Part is a debt due to the relevant port authority from the person liable to pay it, and is recoverable by the relevant port authority in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (5) If there is more than one person liable to pay a charge under this Part, those persons are jointly and severally liable to pay the charge. 10
- 69 Payment of charges to Minister to be credited to Consolidated Fund**
- Payments of charges under this Part that are made to the Minister as the relevant port authority (and any remittance to the Minister of part of a navigation service charge under the operating licence of a Port Corporation) are to be paid into the Consolidated Fund. 15
- 70 Interest on overdue payments**
- (1) Charges under this Part that are unpaid by the due date attract interest at a rate determined by the relevant port authority. 20
- (2) Different rates may be determined for charges that remain unpaid for different periods of time.
- (3) Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the rate determined in respect of any period is not to exceed 5 per cent per annum above the interest rate that in the ordinary course of business would be charged by the Commonwealth Bank for the relevant period on unsecured overdrafts of more than \$100,000. 25
- 71 Security for payment of charges**
- (1) As security for the payment of charges that have been or may be incurred under this Part by a person, the relevant port authority may require the person to lodge with it a security deposit. 30

- (2) The security deposit may take the form of cash or a bank guarantee or such other form as the relevant port authority may approve, and is to be in or for an amount determined by the relevant port authority.
- (3) The relevant port authority may appropriate a security deposit or the proceeds of a security deposit to meet liabilities of the depositor (including any interest payable) under this Part that are unpaid after becoming due. 5
- (4) In the event that a security deposit or the proceeds of a security deposit have been appropriated or partly appropriated, the relevant port authority may require lodgment of further security. 10
- (5) If at any time the relevant port authority considers that a depositor's potential liabilities under this Part should be more adequately guaranteed, the relevant port authority may require the lodgment of security in a greater amount, or in a different form, or both. 15
- (6) This section is subject to the terms of any operating licence issued to a Port Corporation or of any contract made with the Minister by a contractor.
- 72 Failure to comply with relevant port authority's requirements 20**
- (1) The relevant port authority may withhold or withdraw the provision of services or facilities to a person who fails to comply with any lawful requirement made by the relevant port authority with respect to the provision of those services or facilities, whether or not the person has paid a charge for the provision of the services or facilities. 25
- (2) Nothing in this section affects any other function or discretion of the relevant port authority in relation to its services and facilities.
- (3) This section is subject to the terms of any operating licence issued to a Port Corporation or of any contract made with the Minister by a contractor. 30

73 Liability of current owners and agents

- (1) To the extent to which a charge under this Part, payable by the owner of a vessel, is not paid by the person who was the owner at the time the charge was incurred, the charge is payable by the person who is the owner at the time payment is demanded by the relevant port authority. 5
- (2) If, at the time when a vessel left a port:
- (a) there was an agent for the berthing or working of the vessel, and
 - (b) there was no other agent for the vessel, 10
- that agent is liable, to the same extent as the owner of the vessel, for charges under this Part incurred by the vessel while in port and which are unpaid.
- (3) If, at the time when a vessel left a port, there was an agent for the vessel other than an agent for the berthing or working of the vessel, that agent is liable, to the same extent as the owner of the vessel, for any such unpaid charges. 15

74 Waiver or refund of charges

The relevant port authority may, with the approval of the Minister, waive or refund the whole or any part of any charge under this Part that is due to the port authority in any particular case or class of cases. 20

75 Part does not apply to Australian Defence Force vessels

- (1) This Part does not apply to or in respect of a vessel belonging to the Defence Force of Australia, or its passengers or cargo. 25
- (2) However, the relevant port authority and the person otherwise liable to pay a charge under this Part may enter into an agreement under which all or any of the provisions of this Part apply to the vessel, its cargo or passengers.

76 Regulations

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- (1) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to charges under this Part.

- (2) In particular, the regulations may make provision for or with respect to:
- (a) the manner of payment of charges under this Part, and
 - (b) the furnishing to the relevant port authority of information relevant to the liability of any person to pay a charge under this Part, and 5
 - (c) the furnishing to the relevant port authority of particulars of any cargo, or any vessel, in respect of which any charges are payable under this Part, and
 - (d) ascertaining the gross tonnages of vessels, the quantity of any cargo and any other matter necessary or incidental to the calculation of the amount of any charge under this Part, and 10
 - (e) the detention and inspection of any vessel, and the unloading of any cargo, for any of the purposes of this Part and the regulations, and 15
 - (f) the exemption of any vessels, cargo or other things from this Part or any provisions of this Part.

Part 6 Pilotage

77 Definitions

- (1) In this Part:

pilotage means the conduct of a vessel by a pilot as follows:

- (a) inward pilotage, that is, the pilotage of a vessel entering into a pilotage port, 5
- (b) outward pilotage, that is, the pilotage of a vessel leaving a pilotage port,
- (c) harbour pilotage, that is, the pilotage of a vessel being moved within a pilotage port. 10

pilotage port means (subject to subsection (2)) any of the following ports:

- (a) Sydney Harbour,
- (b) Botany Bay,
- (c) Newcastle, 15
- (d) Port Kembla,
- (e) Yamba,
- (f) Eden.

pilotage service provider means:

- (a) in relation to pilotage services provided by a Port Corporation under an operating licence—the Port Corporation, or 20
- (b) in relation to pilotage services provided by a contractor under a contract under section 81—the contractor, or
- (c) in relation to any other pilotage services—the Minister. 25

- (2) The regulations may provide that any other port is a pilotage port for the purposes of this Part or that a port is no longer such a port.

78 Pilotage compulsory in pilotage ports

- (1) Pilotage is compulsory in every pilotage port.

- (2) The master of a vessel must not enter, leave or move within a pilotage port with the vessel before taking on board the pilot made available by the pilotage service provider to conduct the vessel on its movement into the port, out of the port or within the port. 5

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (3) This section continues to apply even though a pilot has deferred pilotage under this Part.

79 Vessels exempted from compulsory pilotage

- (1) Pilotage is not compulsory in a pilotage port in respect of the following vessels: 10
- (a) a vessel whose master is the holder of a pilotage exemption certificate or certificate of local knowledge under the *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971* that applies to that port and vessel, 15
 - (b) a recreational vessel,
 - (c) a vessel less than 30 metres in length,
 - (d) a seaplane,
 - (e) a vessel of any class declared by the regulations to be an exempt vessel for the purposes of this Part, 20
 - (f) a particular vessel declared to be an exempt vessel for the purposes of this Part by order of the Minister given to the owner or master of the vessel.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), pilotage is compulsory in respect of a vessel (whether or not the master is the holder of a pilotage exemption certificate or certificate of local knowledge) if pilotage is declared to be compulsory by the regulations or by order of the Minister given to the owner or master of the vessel. 25

Note. The *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971* deals with the licensing of pilots and the issue of pilotage exemption certificates and certificates of local knowledge. 30

80 Pilots in pilotage ports to be provided by pilotage service provider

A person must not act as the pilot of a vessel in a pilotage port unless the person has been assigned by the pilotage service provider to act as a pilot in that pilotage port. 5

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

81 Minister may enter into a contract for the provision of pilotage services not provided by Port Corporation

- (1) The Minister may enter into a contract with a person (a *contractor*) for the provision by that person of pilotage services at any port. Contracts may be entered into with different persons for the provision of pilotage services at different ports. 10
- (2) This section does not apply to pilotage services that are provided by a Port Corporation under an operating licence.
- (3) The Minister is required to call public tenders for a contract under this section. 15
- (4) A contract under this section must include such provisions as the Minister thinks necessary or desirable to be included for ensuring compliance with the marine legislation and the provision of the pilotage services required in the port concerned. 20
- (5) Without limiting subsection (1), such a contract is to:
 - (a) specify the level of pilotage services to be provided under the contract, and
 - (b) set out performance standards, and quality assurance programs, for pilotage services to be provided under the contract, and 25
 - (c) provide for the fixing and collection by, and payment to, the contractor of pilotage charges in accordance with Part 5, and
 - (d) specify the amount of consideration to be paid to the Minister by the contractor under the contract (such an amount may be calculated on the basis of a proportion of the pilotage charges payable to the contractor for the provision of pilotage services), and 30

- (e) require the contractor to keep records of the pilotage services provided by the contractor and the amounts charged and paid in respect of those services, and
- (f) empower the Minister and any person authorised by the Minister to inspect those records, and 5
- (g) require the contractor to provide information, as and when the Minister requires, as to the costs incurred by the contractor in providing pilotage services at the port concerned, and
- (h) empower the Minister to terminate or suspend the contract on the ground that the contractor is unable to provide pilotage services at the level referred to in paragraph (a) or has contravened the marine legislation, or on any other specified ground. 10

Note. This section re-enacts relevant provisions of Part 4A of the *Pilotage Act 1971* (now *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971*). 15

82 Deferment of pilotage generally

- (1) When a vessel is unable, or will in the opinion of the master of the vessel be unable, to leave its berth or place of anchorage in a pilotage port within 1 hour after the time stated for so leaving in the application by the owner or master for a pilot, the pilot attending may defer pilotage and cease attendance. 20
- (2) When a vessel is unable, or will in the opinion of the master be unable, to enter into a pilotage port, within 1 hour after the time stated for so entering in the application by the owner or master for a pilot, the pilot attending may defer pilotage and cease attendance. 25

83 Deferment of pilotage for safety reasons

- (1) If a pilot made available for pilotage considers that a vessel should not enter a pilotage port or should not leave its berth or place of anchorage for any reason related to marine safety, the pilot may direct the master of the vessel not to enter the pilotage port or not to leave the berth or place of anchorage pending the decision of the harbour master of the port. 30

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- (2) The master of a vessel must comply with any such direction.
Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.
- (3) A pilot who gives any such direction may defer pilotage and cease attendance.

84 Duties of master in connection with pilotage

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- (1) The master of a vessel under pilotage must:
- (a) ensure that any order given with the master's authority by the pilot is carried out, and
- (b) give the pilot such information as the pilot may require for the safe navigation of the vessel.
- (2) The master of a vessel must not give to a pilot who requires information for the navigation of the vessel any information that the master knows is false or misleading.

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Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

85 Liability of master and owner of vessel under pilotage

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- (1) A person who is employed as a pilot by the pilotage service provider and who has the conduct of a vessel is subject to the authority of the master of the vessel. The master is not relieved from responsibility for the conduct and navigation of the vessel merely because the vessel is under pilotage.
- (2) The master and the owner of a vessel being navigated under circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory are jointly and severally liable for any loss or damage caused by the vessel or by any fault of navigation of the vessel in the same manner as if pilotage were not compulsory.

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86 Immunity of State, pilots, pilotage service provider and others

- (1) Neither the State, nor the Minister, nor a pilotage service provider is liable for any loss or damage that is attributable to the negligence of any person employed as a pilot by the pilotage service provider while the person is acting as a pilot.

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- (2) A person employed as a pilot by the pilotage service provider is not personally liable in pecuniary damages for any loss or damage attributable to the person's negligence while the person is acting as a pilot.

Note. This section re-enacts section 28B of the *Pilotage Act 1971* (now *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971*). Section 85 re-enacts section 28A of that Act. 5

87 Offence for pilot to endanger vessel

A pilot of a vessel who, by any wilful act or omission, endangers the vessel or its crew is guilty of an offence. 10

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

88 Provisions to apply when vessel under pilotage at request of owner

If a vessel (not required to be under pilotage) is under pilotage at the request of its owner, this Part applies to that vessel and its master and owner for the purposes of that pilotage. 15

89 Regulations

The regulations may make provision for or with respect to pilotage and, in particular, for or with respect to:

- (a) the administration of the pilotage service of a pilotage service provider and the duties of pilots and other officers appointed to that service, and 20
- (b) the specification of when inward, outward and harbour pilotage begins and ends, and
- (c) the records and reports in connection with pilotage to be made and furnished by masters of vessels and pilots. 25

Part 7 Harbour masters

90 Definition of "port"

In this Part, *port* includes any particular area of navigable waters that the Minister considers requires a harbour master for the purposes of marine safety.

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91 Appointment of harbour masters

- (1) The Minister may appoint a Departmental officer to be the harbour master for any port.
- (2) The Minister may appoint a member of the staff of a Port Corporation to be the harbour master for any port.
- (3) The Minister may revoke the appointment of a harbour master at any time.
- (4) A person ceases to be a harbour master on ceasing to be a Departmental officer or a member of the staff of a Port Corporation, as the case requires.
- (5) In this section, *Departmental officer* means a member of the staff of any Department administered by the Minister.

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92 Appointment of persons to exercise functions of harbour masters

- (1) A harbour master may appoint any person to exercise, in relation to the port for which he or she is the harbour master, the harbour master's functions under the marine legislation. The power to make an appointment under this section is subject to any directions given to the harbour master by the Minister.
- (2) An appointment under this section may be general or may apply only to the exercise of such functions as are specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (3) A person appointed under this section has all the functions specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (4) The appointment under this section of a person to exercise any of the functions of a harbour master does not prevent that harbour master from exercising those functions.

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- (5) The Minister may also appoint a person to exercise the functions of a harbour master under the marine legislation in relation to a port (whether or not a harbour master has been appointed for the port).

93 General functions of harbour master 5

- (1) A harbour master has, in relation to the port for which he or she is the harbour master, such functions as are conferred by the marine legislation.
- (2) The functions of a harbour master may be limited by regulation or by the Minister (in and by the instrument of appointment or by a subsequent instrument given to the harbour master). 10
- (3) The exercise of the functions of a harbour master are subject to any directions given from time to time to the harbour master by the Minister.

94 General powers of harbour master in relation to vessels 15

- (1) The harbour master of any port may direct and control the following:
- (a) the time and manner in which any vessel may enter or leave the port,
- (b) the navigation and other movements of any vessel within the port, 20
- (c) the position where and the manner in which any vessel may anchor or be secured within the port,
- (d) the time and manner of the taking in or discharging by any vessel within the port of cargo, stores, fuel, fresh water or water ballast, 25
- (e) the securing or removal of any vessel within the port in, from or to any position as the harbour master thinks fit.
- (2) The harbour master of any port may, as a condition of allowing a vessel to be anchored or secured within a pilotage port, direct that a pilot remain on board the vessel while it is so berthed or anchored (whether or not pilotage is compulsory). 30

- (3) A harbour master must not give any direction under this section that would result in a contravention of any law relating to the area or vessel concerned or that would impede the proper administration of the customs or quarantine services within the port.

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95 Powers of harbour master to direct dangerous vessels not to enter, or to leave, port

- (1) The harbour master of any port may give directions prohibiting the entry into, or requiring the removal from, the port of any vessel that the harbour master has reasonable cause to believe is in imminent danger of sinking in the port and causing an obstruction to navigation or is in imminent danger of causing serious damage to the marine environment or property in the port.
- (2) A harbour master is not to give a direction under this section that would endanger the life of any person on the vessel.
- (3) A direction under this section may be revoked by order of the Minister or the Supreme Court.

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96 Harbour master may carry out direction

- (1) If:
- (a) there is no person on board any vessel to whom a harbour master may give a direction under this Part and there are reasonable grounds for the harbour master to act urgently without giving the direction, or
- (b) a direction under this Part is not complied with,
- the harbour master may cause the vessel to be dealt with as required by the harbour master.
- (2) For that purpose, the harbour master (or a person authorised by the harbour master) may board a vessel and move, secure or otherwise operate the vessel.

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- (3) The Minister may recover from the master or owner of a vessel referred to in subsection (1) as a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction the reasonable charges and expenses incurred in the exercise of the harbour master's functions under that subsection.

97 Offence for failing to comply with direction, or obstructing, harbour master 5

- (1) The master of a vessel who, without reasonable excuse, refuses or fails to comply with any direction given under this Part to the master by a harbour master is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units. 10

- (2) A person who, without reasonable excuse, obstructs a harbour master (or any person acting under the direction of a harbour master) exercising any function under this Part is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty (subsection (2)): 50 penalty units. 15

98 Identity cards

- (1) The Minister is required to give an identity card to each harbour master the Minister appoints.

- (2) The person who appoints another person to exercise the functions of a harbour master is required to give an identity card to that other person. 20

- (3) An identity card is to be in a form approved by the Minister.

- (4) A harbour master or person exercising the functions of a harbour master is required to produce his or her identity card if requested to do so by an affected person in the course of exercising functions under the marine legislation. This subsection does not apply if the harbour master or person gives a direction by radio or other communication device. 25

- (5) A person who has been issued with an identity card must return it to the Minister, or the person who provided it, on demand. 30

Maximum penalty (subsection (5)): 10 penalty units.

99 Protection from liability

- (1) A harbour master, and any other person exercising the functions of a harbour master, are not personally liable for any act or omission done in good faith for the purposes of the marine legislation.
- (2) If subsection (1) prevents liability attaching to a harbour master or other person, the liability attaches instead to the State.

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Part 8 Legal proceedings

100 Penalty notices

- (1) A law enforcement officer may serve a penalty notice on a person if it appears to the officer that the person has committed an offence against the marine legislation, being an offence prescribed by the regulations. 5
- (2) A penalty notice is a notice to the effect that, if the person served does not wish to have the matter determined by a court, the person may pay, within the time and to the person specified in the notice, the penalty prescribed by the regulations for the offence if dealt with under this section. 10
- (3) A penalty notice may be served personally or by post.
- (4) If the amount of the penalty prescribed for an alleged offence is paid under this section, no person is liable to any further proceedings for the alleged offence. 15
- (5) Payment under this section is not an admission of liability for the purposes of, and does not affect or prejudice, any civil claim, action or proceeding arising out of the same occurrence.
- (6) The regulations may:
 - (a) prescribe an offence for the purposes of this section by specifying the offence or by referring to the provision creating the offence, and 20
 - (b) prescribe the amount of penalty for an offence if dealt with under this section, and
 - (c) prescribe different amounts of penalty for different offences or classes of offences. 25
- (7) The amount of penalty prescribed under this section for an offence may not exceed the maximum amount of penalty that could be imposed for the offence by a court.
- (8) This section does not limit the operation of any other provision of, or made under, this or any other Act relating to proceedings which may be taken in respect of offences. 30

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- (9) In this section, *law enforcement officer* means a police officer or, in relation to a particular offence, a person belonging to a class of persons specified in the regulations in relation to that offence.

101 Proceedings for offences

Proceedings for an offence against this Act or the regulations are to be dealt with summarily by a Local Court constituted by a Magistrate sitting alone. 5

102 Time within which proceedings may be commenced

Despite the *Justices Act 1902* or any other Act, proceedings for an offence under this Act or the regulations may be commenced not later than 2 years after the date alleged to be the date on which the offence was committed. 10

103 Persons who may bring proceedings

Proceedings for an offence against the marine legislation may be brought by any person, including a police officer or a member of the staff of the Waterways Authority. 15

104 Offences by corporations

- (1) If a corporation contravenes, whether by act or omission, any provision of this Act or the regulations, each person who is a director of the corporation or who is concerned in the management of the corporation is taken to have contravened the same provision if the person knowingly authorised or permitted the contravention. 20
- (2) A person may be proceeded against and convicted under a provision pursuant to this section whether or not the corporation has been proceeded against or been convicted under that provision. 25
- (3) Nothing in this section affects any liability imposed on a corporation for an offence committed by the corporation against this Act or the regulations. 30

Part 9 Miscellaneous

105 Port boundaries

- (1) The regulations may describe the boundaries of any port or area of water.
- (2) Any such description of a port may include an area of water adjacent to the entrance to the port. 5
- (3) A reference in the marine legislation to a specified port or area of water is, if the boundaries of that port or area have been described by the regulations and unless the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires, a reference to that port or area with boundaries as so described. 10

106 Act binds Crown

This Act binds the Crown in right of New South Wales and, in so far as the legislative power of Parliament permits, the Crown in all its other capacities. 15

107 Combined financial and other reporting by Authority, Ministerial Corporation and Minister's Department

- (1) The reports of relevant marine agencies under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984* or the *Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985* may be combined, but must include a separate report on the financial transactions and activities of each of them. 20
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the relevant marine agencies are the Waterways Authority, the Ministerial Corporation and any Department administered by the Minister. 25

108 Service of documents

- (1) A document may be served on the Ministerial Corporation or Waterways Authority by leaving it at, or by sending it by post to:
 - (a) the office of the Ministerial Corporation or Authority, or
 - (b) if the Ministerial Corporation or Authority has more than one office—any one of its offices. 30

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- (2) Nothing in this section affects the operation of any provision of a law or of the rules of a court authorising a document to be served on the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority in any other manner.
- (3) In this section, a reference to the Ministerial Corporation includes, in respect of matters arising under the marine legislation, a reference to the Minister. 5

109 Recovery or waiver of money due

- (1) Any charge, fee or money due to the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority may be recovered by it as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction. 10
- (2) Any such charge, fee or money may be waived or refunded (in whole or in part) by the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority.
- (3) In this section, a reference to the Ministerial Corporation includes, in respect of matters arising under the marine legislation, a reference to the Minister. 15

110 Regulations

- (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act. 20
- (2) A regulation may create an offence punishable by a penalty for a breach of the regulation not exceeding 100 penalty units.
- (3) The regulations may incorporate by reference, wholly or in part and with or without modification, any standards, rules, codes, specifications or methods, as in force at a particular time or as in force from time to time, prescribed or published by an authority or body (whether or not it is a New South Wales authority or body). 25
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111 Repeals

- (1) The Acts specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 are repealed.

- (2) All regulations, by-laws, rules and other instruments made under any such Acts (including those specified in Part 2 of Schedule 3) are repealed.

112 Amendment of Acts

The Acts specified in Schedule 4 are amended as set out in that Schedule. 5

113 Savings, transitional and other provisions

Schedule 5 has effect.

114 Review of Act

- (1) The Minister is to review this Act to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives. 10
- (2) The review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 5 years from the date of assent to this Act.
- (3) A report of the outcome of the review is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 12 months after the end of the period of 5 years. 15

Schedule 1 **Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities of MSB and its subsidiaries**

(Sections 5, 16, 17, 32, 45)

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

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instrument means an instrument (other than this Act) that creates, modifies or extinguishes rights or liabilities (or would do so if lodged, filed or registered in accordance with any law), and includes any judgment, order or process of a court.

2 Application and interpretation

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(1) This Schedule applies to the following orders under this Act:

(a) an order under section 16 transferring assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary to a Port Corporation,

(b) an order under section 17 transferring assets, rights or liabilities of a Port Corporation to the Ministerial Corporation or to any person on behalf of the State,

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(c) an order under section 32 (3) transferring assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary to a person on behalf of the State,

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(d) an order under section 45 transferring assets, rights or liabilities to the Waterways Authority or to the Ministerial Corporation.

(2) This Schedule also applies to the transfer of assets, rights and liabilities to the Ministerial Corporation by the operation of section 32 and so applies as if that section were an order to which this Schedule applies taking effect when that section takes effect.

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(3) In this Schedule, the body or person from whom any assets, rights or liabilities are so transferred is called the *transferor* and the body or person to whom they are being so transferred is called the *transferee*.

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3 Vesting of undertaking in transferee

When any assets, rights or liabilities are transferred by an order to which this Schedule applies, the following provisions have effect (subject to the order):

- (a) those assets of the transferor vest in the transferee by virtue of this Schedule and without the need for any conveyance, transfer, assignment or assurance, 5
- (b) those rights or liabilities of the transferor become by virtue of this Schedule the rights or liabilities of the transferee, 10
- (c) all proceedings relating to those assets, rights or liabilities commenced before the transfer by or against the transferor or a predecessor of the transferor and pending immediately before the transfer are taken to be proceedings pending by or against the transferee, 15
- (d) any act, matter or thing done or omitted to be done in relation to those assets, rights or liabilities before the transfer by, to or in respect of the transferor is (to the extent that that act, matter or thing has any force or effect) taken to have been done or omitted by, to or in respect of the transferee, 20
- (e) a reference in any Act, in any instrument made under any Act or in any document of any kind to the transferor or a predecessor of the transferor is (to the extent that it relates to those assets, rights or liabilities but subject to the regulations or other provisions under Schedule 5), to be read as, or as including, a reference to the transferee. 25

4 Operation of Schedule

- (1) The operation of this Schedule is not to be regarded:
 - (a) as a breach of contract or confidence or otherwise as a civil wrong, or 30
 - (b) as a breach of any contractual provision prohibiting, restricting or regulating the assignment or transfer of assets, rights or liabilities, or

- (c) as giving rise to any remedy by a party to an instrument, or as causing or permitting the termination of any instrument, because of a change in the beneficial or legal ownership of any asset, right or liability.
- (2) The operation of this Schedule is not to be regarded as an event of default under any contract or other instrument. 5
- (3) No attornment to the transferee by a lessee from the transferor is required.
- (4) The operation of this Schedule includes the making of an order to which this Schedule applies. 10

5 Date of vesting

An order to which this Schedule applies takes effect on the date specified in the order.

6 Consideration for vesting

An order to which this Schedule applies may specify the consideration on which the order is made and the value or values at which the assets, rights or liabilities are transferred. 15

7 Stamp duty

Stamp duty is not chargeable in respect of:

- (a) the transfer of assets, rights and liabilities to a Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority, the Ministerial Corporation or other person by an order to which this Schedule applies, or 20
- (b) anything certified by the Minister as having been done in consequence of such a transfer (for example, the transfer or registration of an interest in land). 25

8 Transfer of interests in land

- (1) An order to which this Schedule applies may transfer an interest in respect of land vested in the MSB or any MSB subsidiary without transferring the whole of the interests of the MSB or subsidiary in that land. 30

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- (2) If the interest transferred is not a separate interest, the order operates to create the interest transferred in such terms as are specified in the order.
- (3) This clause does not limit any other provision of this Schedule.

9 Determinations of Minister for purposes of orders 5

For the purposes of any order to which this Schedule applies, a determination by the Minister as to the port to which any assets, rights or liabilities relate, whether any land comprises the bed of the waters of a port or whether any assets, rights or liabilities are port safety assets, rights or liabilities is conclusive. 10

10 Confirmation of vesting in Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The Minister may, by notice in writing, confirm the transfer to the Ministerial Corporation of particular assets, rights or liabilities by the operation of section 32.
- (2) Such a notice is evidence of that transfer. 15

11 Successor of MSB or MSB subsidiary

The Ministerial Corporation is taken for all purposes, including the rules of private international law, to be the successor of the MSB and each MSB subsidiary (except in respect of assets, rights and liabilities transferred under this Act to any other body or person). 20

Schedule 2 Transfer of former MSB Staff (other than senior executives)

(Section 5)

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

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former MSB staff means the members of staff of the MSB immediately before the dissolution of the MSB (other than the holder of a chief executive or senior executive position under Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988*).

marine administration Department means the Department under the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* (or branch) that is responsible to the Minister for the purposes of the administration of the marine legislation.

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temporary or casual MSB staff means any former MSB staff who were engaged in a position for a nominated period or for a nominated project or activity which is limited in time or who were engaged on an irregular day-to-day basis on hourly hire.

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the MSB enterprise agreements means:

(a) the enterprise agreement which was entered into by the MSB with respect to all its staff (other than executive service officers and pilots) and which took effect on 13 December 1993 (as in force on the dissolution of the MSB), and

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(b) the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority Assistant Harbour Master/Marine Pilots Enterprise Agreement, 1995 (as in force on the dissolution of the MSB), and

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(c) the MSB Hunter Ports Authority Marine Pilots Enterprise Agreement, 1995 (as in force on the dissolution of the MSB),

or, if any such agreement expires or is replaced before the dissolution of the MSB, any new enterprise agreement entered into by the MSB or an MSB subsidiary to replace that agreement (as so in force).

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2 Transfer of former MSB staff to Port Corporations

- (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, provide that such former MSB staff as are specified or described in the order are transferred to a Port Corporation specified in the order.
- (2) A person who is the subject of an order under this clause is to be regarded for all purposes as having become an employee of the Port Corporation, in accordance with the terms of the order, on the day the MSB is dissolved. 5

3 Transfer of former MSB staff to Waterways Authority

- (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, provide that such former MSB staff as are specified or described in the order are transferred to the Waterways Authority. 10
- (2) A person who is the subject of an order under this clause is to be regarded for all purposes as having become an employee of the Waterways Authority, in accordance with the terms of the order, on the day the MSB is dissolved. 15

4 Transfer of remainder of former MSB staff to Public Service

- (1) Any former MSB staff (other than temporary or casual MSB staff) who are not transferred under this Schedule to a Port Corporation or to the Waterways Authority are entitled to be appointed to a position in the Public Service in accordance with this clause. 20
- (2) The Governor may, on the recommendation of the Minister, by order published in the Gazette, transfer any such former MSB staff to a position in the Public Service (being a position in the marine administration Department). 25
- (3) A person who is the subject of an order under this clause is to be regarded for all purposes as having become an officer of the Public Service, in accordance with the terms of the order, on the day the MSB is dissolved. 30
- (4) Any former MSB staff (being temporary or casual MSB staff) who are not transferred under this Schedule to a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority are taken to be

transferred to temporary employment under section 38 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* in the marine administration Department.

- (5) This clause has effect despite anything in the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* and a person transferred under this clause is to be regarded as having been transferred in accordance with any relevant provision of that Act. 5

5 Preservation of MSB enterprise agreements

- (1) Despite the dissolution of the MSB and the MSB subsidiaries, the MSB enterprise agreements continue in force for the terms of the agreements, but subject to this clause. 10
- (2) The MSB enterprise agreements apply to the staff of Port Corporations or the Waterways Authority as follows:
- (a) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Hunter Ports Authority apply to the staff of the Newcastle Port Corporation, 15
 - (b) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority apply to the staff of the Port Kembla Port Corporation,
 - (c) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Sydney Ports Authority apply to the staff of the Sydney Ports Corporation, 20
 - (d) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Waterways Authority apply to the staff of the Waterways Authority, 25
 - (e) the agreements so apply to the staff of a Port Corporation or Waterways Authority transferred under this Schedule or employed by the Port Corporation or Waterways Authority during the term of the agreement.
- (3) The MSB enterprise agreements apply to the marine administration Department as follows: 30
- (a) the provisions of the agreements applying to a member of staff of the MSB who is transferred under this Schedule to that Department apply to that member of staff,

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- (b) the provisions so apply only while the person remains a member of the staff of that Department (whether or not the person is appointed to another position on that staff),
- (c) the agreements do not apply to any other staff of that Department. 5

Nothing in this subclause prevents a member of staff who is so transferred being employed on the same conditions as the other members of staff of that Department if those conditions are no less favourable than the conditions applicable under the agreements. 10

- (4) The Port Corporations, the Waterways Authority and the Public Employment Industrial Relations Authority (and their successors) are, for the purposes of this clause, taken to be parties to the MSB enterprise agreements.

6 Preservation of remuneration and other conditions of employment on transfer from MSB 15

Except as otherwise provided by this Schedule and the regulations, the terms and conditions on which former MSB staff become employed on being transferred under this Schedule (including as to remuneration and duration of employment) are those on which they were employed by the MSB immediately before its dissolution. This clause does not affect anything duly done after the dissolution of the MSB with respect to the employment of the former MSB staff. 20

7 Preservation of leave and other entitlements for previous service of MSB staff and mobility entitlements of former MSB staff for future service with one or more new employers 25

- (1) Continuous service of former MSB staff with the MSB and with one or more new employers is to be taken, for all purposes, as service with their current new employer. 30
- (2) This clause applies, without limiting its operation, for the purpose of the accrual of leave with the new employer and for the purpose of any entitlements to redundancy payments from the current new employer.

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- (3) In particular, former MSB staff retain, on transfer under this Schedule (or on subsequent transfer) to a new employer, any rights to annual leave, long service leave and sick leave accrued or accruing in their previous employment with the MSB or a new employer. 5
- (4) A person's entitlement to any such leave is to be calculated:
- (a) for such part of any period during which that leave accrued or was accruing as occurred before the day of transfer to the new employer—at the rate for the time being applicable to the person before that day (as an employee of the MSB or of the former new employer), 10
and
- (b) for such part of the period as occurred after the day of transfer to the current employer—at the rate for the time being applicable to the person after that day (as an employee of the current new employer). 15
- (5) For the purposes of this clause, a *new employer* is any Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority and the marine administration Department.
- 8 Applications for transfers by former MSB staff after dissolution of MSB** 20
- (1) This clause applies, in the period of 3 years after the dissolution of the MSB, to the filling of any vacant position in a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority if the applicants eligible to apply for the vacancy are limited to the staff of that Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority, as the case may be. 25
- (2) Any former MSB staff who are transferred under this Schedule are eligible to apply for a vacancy to which this clause applies as if they were members of the staff of the relevant Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority. 30
- (3) This clause does not apply to former MSB staff who are no longer employed by a Port Corporation or by the Waterways Authority or in the Public Service.
- Note.** Entitlements to superannuation for former MSB staff are preserved by amendments made in Schedule 4 that declare the Port Corporations to be employers for the purposes of the State's superannuation schemes. 35

9 No payment out on transfer or dual benefits

- (1) This clause applies to a person who becomes, because of this Schedule, a member of the staff of a Port Corporation, a member of the staff of the Waterways Authority or an officer of the Public Service. 5
- (2) A person to whom this clause applies is not entitled to receive any payment or other benefit merely because the person ceases to be a member of the staff of the MSB.
- (3) A person to whom this clause applies is not entitled to claim, both under this Act and under any other Act, dual benefits of the same kind for the same period of service. 10

Schedule 3 Repeals

(Section 111)

Part 1 Acts

Marine Administration Act 1989 No 93	
Marine Port Charges Act 1989 No 143	5
Navigation and Other Acts (Validation) Act 1983 No 115	
Seamen's Act 1898 No 46	
Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900 (1901 No 1)	
Sydney Harbour Trust Land Titles Act 1909 No 7	
Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act 1903 No 16	10
Sydney Harbour Trust (Rating) Act 1919 No 21	
Sydney Harbour Trust (Reclamations and Leasing) Act 1905 No 37	

Part 2 Regulations

Marine Administration Act 1989	15
Marine Administration Regulation 1989	
Maritime Services (Recruitment and Promotion to Officer Positions) Regulation 1985	

Schedule 4 Amendment of Acts

(Section 112)

4.1 Attachment of Wages Limitation Act 1957 No 28

Schedule

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."
Insert instead "Waterways Authority." 5

4.2 Capital Debt Charges Act 1957 No 1

Schedule

Omit the matter relating to The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. 10

4.3 Clean Waters Act 1970 No 78

Section 5 Definitions

Omit "the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales," from the definition of *statutory authority*.

4.4 Commercial Vessels Act 1979 No 41

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[1] Section 4B

Insert after section 4A:

4B Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995

This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*. 20

[2] Section 5 Definitions

Omit the definition of *Board*.

[3] Section 5

Insert in alphabetical order the following definitions:

officer of the Minister means any delegate of the Minister or any officer of such a delegate. 5

Secretary of the Minister means the Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority or other prescribed officer of the Minister.

[4] The whole Act 10

Omit "Board" and "Board's" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Minister" and "Minister's" respectively.

[5] Sections 14 (2), 30N, 34, 49 (1)

Omit "its" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the Minister's".

[6] Sections 18 (2), 30H (3), 30I (4), 31 (3) 15

Omit "it" and "its" wherever occurring.
Insert "the Minister" and "the Minister's" respectively.

[7] Sections 19 (2), 22 (6), 30H (4), 30J (1) and (4), 30L (2), 40 (3)

Omit "it" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the Minister". 20

[8] Section 29 (3)

Omit "it" where firstly occurring. Insert instead "the Minister".

4.5 Electricity Commission Act 1950 No 22

Section 3 Definitions

Omit "the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales," from the definition of *Statutory body* or *Statutory body representing the Crown* in section 3 (1).

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4.6 Environmental Offences and Penalties Act 1989 No 150

[1] Section 13 Consent to institution of proceedings

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" and "the Board" wherever occurring from section 13 (5) (b).

Insert instead "the Waterways Authority".

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[2] Schedule 2 Penalty notices

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" from clause 2 (e) of Part 1.
Insert instead "the Waterways Authority".

4.7 First State Superannuation Act 1992 No 100

Schedule 1 Employers

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Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from Part 1.
Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

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4.8 Fisheries Management Act 1994 No 38

Section 198 Application of Division

Omit section 198 (c), insert instead:

- (c) on land vested in or under the control of the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation, if the work is for the passage or accommodation of merchant vessels (including the maintenance of dredged navigation channels). 5

4.9 Government and Related Employees Appeal Tribunal Act 1980 No 39 10

[1] Schedule 4 Employing authorities

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

[2] Schedule 4

Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority. 15

4.10 Government Pricing Tribunal Act 1992 No 39

[1] Section 4 Government monopoly services

Insert after section 4 (4):

- (5) To avoid doubt the service for which a navigation service charge under Part 5 of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995* is payable is capable of being declared to be a government monopoly service. The relevant port authority (within the meaning of that Part) is taken to be the supplier of that service. 20

Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Bill 1995

Schedule 4 Amendment of Acts

[2] Schedule 1 Government Agencies for which Tribunal has standing reference

Insert at the end of the Schedule:

Port Corporations or other relevant port authorities within the meaning of Part 5 of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995* 5

4.11 Impounding Act 1993 No 31

[1] Dictionary

Omit the matter relating to the Maritime Services Board from the definition of *area of operations*. 10

Insert instead:

* in the case of an impounding officer appointed by the Minister for Ports, any area owned by or under the control of the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation or the Waterways Authority, 15

[2] Dictionary

Omit "Maritime Services Board" from the definition of *impounding authority*.

Insert instead "Minister for Ports".

4.12 Justices Act 1902 No 27 20

Section 100I Definitions

Insert in alphabetical order of Acts in paragraph (a) of the definition of *penalty notice* in section 100I (1):

Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995, section 100. 25

4.13 Local Government Act 1993 No 30

[1] Section 600 Rebates in respect of certain land vested in public bodies

Omit “the Maritime Services Board” from section 600 (9).
Insert instead “the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation, the Waterways Authority, a Port Corporation within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*”.

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[2] Section 742 Dispute resolution

Omit “the Maritime Services Board” from section 742 (7).

4.14 Marine Pollution Act 1987 No 299

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[1] Section 3 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *Board*, *harbour master* and *inspector*.
Insert in alphabetical order:

harbour master has the same meaning it has in the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

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inspector means a person who is appointed in writing by the Minister to be an inspector for the purposes of this Act.

[2] Section 3

Omit “Board” from the definition of *pleasure vessel*.
Insert instead “Minister”.

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[3] Section 5A

Insert after section 5:

5A Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995

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This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Bill 1995

Schedule 4 Amendment of Acts

[4] Section 6 Delegation

Omit section 6 (2).

[5] Sections 8 (2), 10, 18 (2), 20, 28, 32, 36, 37, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 58 (d), 59 (1), 60

Omit "Board" and "Board's" wherever occurring.

Insert instead "Minister" and "Minister's" respectively.

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[6] Section 45

Omit section 45 (5) (b).

[7] Section 55

Omit section 55 (3).

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[8] Section 58

Omit "the Secretary to, or the General Manager of, the Board" wherever occurring.

Insert instead "the Minister or other prescribed officer".

4.15 Maritime Services Act 1935 No 47

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[1] Section 2 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *Board*, *Fund*, *Harbour master*, *Secretary of the Board*.

[2] Section 2

Insert in alphabetical order the following definition:

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Harbour master has the same meaning as it has in the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

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- [3] Section 2**
Omit subsections (1A) and (1B).
- [4] Section 2A**
Omit section 2A. Insert instead:
- 2A Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995** 5
- This Act is subject to the Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995.*
- [5] Section 2B**
Insert after section 2A: 10
- 2B Transfer of Maritime Services Board's functions**
- (1) On the dissolution of the Maritime Services Board the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Maritime Services Board under this Act become the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Minister. 15
- (2) A reference in this Act to the Board is taken to be a reference to the Minister.
- (3) A reference in this Act to an officer of the Board is taken to be a reference to a delegate of the Minister or any officer of such a delegate. 20
- [6] Part 3, Divisions 1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B and 3BA (sections 5–13JD)**
Omit the Divisions (except sections 13D–13G).
- [7] Section 13K General vesting of land**
Omit the section.
- [8] Section 13L Granting of leases and licences** 25
Omit the section.

- [9] Section 13W Powers of harbour master**
Omit the section.
- [10] Section 13WA Information regarding harbour master's directions etc**
Omit "under section 13W" from section 13WA (1). 5
- [11] Section 13X Board may require work to be carried out on vessel**
Omit "any port to which section 13W applies".
Insert instead "any port used by trading vessels".
- [12] Section 13Y Obstruction** 10
Omit "sections 13W and 13X". Insert instead "section 13X".
- [13] Section 13YA Liability of owners of vessels etc for damage to Board's property**
Omit "any port to which section 13W applies".
Insert instead "any port used by trading vessels". 15
- [14] Section 36A Appointment of persons to exercise powers etc of harbour master**
Omit the section.
- [15] Section 38 Regulations**
Omit "Board, with the approval of the Governor," wherever 20
occurring from section 38 (1), (2) and (2A).
Insert instead "Governor".

[16] Section 38 (2B)

Omit "Board may, with the approval of the Governor,".
Insert instead "Governor may".

[17] Section 38 (5), (6)

Insert after section 38 (4A):

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(5) A power to make a regulation under this section in respect of anything vested in or controlled by the Board includes such a power in respect of anything vested in or controlled by a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

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(6) A regulation made by the Maritime Services Board under this section and in force immediately before the commencement of this subsection is taken to have been made by the Governor.

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[18] Schedules 3-5

Omit the Schedules.

4.16 Navigation Act 1901 No 60

[1] Section 3 Definitions

Omit the definition of *Board*.

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[2] Section 3

Insert in alphabetical order the following definition:

officer of the Minister means any delegate of the Minister or any officer of such a delegate.

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[3] Section 4B

Insert after section 4A:

**4B Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act
1995**

This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and
Waterways Management Act 1995.* 5

[4] Section 5 Act not to affect Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900

Omit the section.

[5] The whole Act

Omit "Board" and "Board's" wherever occurring. 10
Insert instead "Minister" and "Minister's" respectively.

[6] Sections 9 (1), 16, 111 (2), 169

Omit "it" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the Minister".

[7] Sections 13, 20, 98

Omit "it" and "its" wherever occurring. 15
Insert instead "the Minister" and "the Minister's" respectively.

[8] Section 21 (1)

Omit "its". Insert instead "the Minister's".

[9] Section 141

Omit subsection (4). 20

[10] Section 142

Omit subsection (3).

[11] Section 158A

Insert after section 158:

158A Record of employees under 16 years on ships

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(1) The master of a ship must record the names and dates of birth of all persons under the age of 16 years who are employed on the vessel.

(2) That record must be maintained on a separate register, or in the ship's articles.

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Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

Note. This section continues section 28A of the *Seamen's Act 1898* which gives effect to Article 4 of ILO Convention No 58 (Convention Fixing the Minimum Age for the Admission of Children to Employment at Sea). Provisions restricting employment of children under the age of 15 years (as provided under Article 2) are contained in Part 4 to the *Children (Care and Protection) Act 1987*.

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4.17 New South Wales Retirement Benefits Act 1972 No 70

Schedule 2

Omit the matter relating to The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales.

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4.18 Noise Control Act 1975 No 35

[1] Long title

Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales".
Insert instead "Waterways Authority".

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[2] Section 4 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *Maritime Services Board* and *navigable waters*.

Insert instead in alphabetical order:

navigable waters means navigable waters within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*. 5

[3] Sections 39, 44, 50, 58, 74, 77

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" and "that Board" wherever occurring. 10

Insert instead "the Waterways Authority".

4.19 Pilotage Act 1971 No 56

[1] Long title

Omit "the pilotage of ships and".

[2] Section 1 Short title and commencement

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Omit "Pilotage" in section 1 (1).

Insert instead "Marine Pilotage Licensing".

[3] Section 3 Repeal, savings and amendment

Omit section 3 (3).

[4] Section 4 Definitions

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Omit the definitions of *approved contractor*, *Board*, *Director-General*, *harbour-master*, *pilotage port* and *secretary*.

[5] Section 4

Insert the following definition:

Director-General means the Department Head of the Department or Administrative Office responsible to the Minister for the administration of this Act.

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[6] Section 4 (2)–(4)

Omit the subsections.

[7] Section 5

Omit the section.

[8] Section 7 Granting of licences and certificates

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Insert after subsection (1):

(1A) A certificate of local knowledge may only be issued to a person who holds a certificate of competency under the *Commercial Vessels Act 1979*.

[9] Section 14 Prohibition against acting as pilot

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Omit subsection (2).

[10] Part 3 Pilotage

Omit the Part (sections 15–29).

[11] Part 4A Approved contractors for pilotage services

Omit the Part (sections 34A–34D).

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- [12] Section 47 Effect and implementation of decision of Board of Review**
- Omit "The Board" from subsection (2).
Insert instead "The Minister".
- [13] Section 47 (3)** 5
- Omit "Board" where firstly occurring.
Insert instead "Minister".
- [14] Section 50 Disclosure of confidential information**
- Omit "Board, of approved contractor" from the definition of *confidential report* in subsection (2). 10
Insert instead "the Minister, the pilotage service provider or".
- [15] Section 50 (2), definition of prescribed person**
- Omit paragraphs (a) and (a1). Insert instead:
- (a) a director, officer or employee of a pilotage service provider, 15
 - (a1) the Director-General or his or her other delegate,
- [16] Section 50A Delegation by Director-General**
- Omit paragraphs (a) and (b).
Insert instead:
- (a) a public servant, or 20
- [17] Section 51 Recovery of penalties**
- Omit subsection (1).

[18] Section 52 Regulations

Omit subsection (1) (b) and (e).

[19] Section 52 (1) (f)

Omit "officers or employees of the Board or".

[20] Section 53 Exemption from compliance with regulations

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Omit "Board" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Minister".

4.20 Pipelines Act 1967 No 90

[1] Section 3 Definitions

Omit "the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales," from the definition of *statutory body representing the Crown* in section 3 (1).

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[2] Section 5C Constitution of pipeline committees

Omit "Secretary of The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from section 5C (2) (f).
Insert instead "Minister for Ports".

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4.21 Pollution Control Act 1970 No 95

[1] Section 27 Proof of certain matters not required

Omit "the General Manager or any officer or employee of the Maritime Services Board" from section 27 (1) (c3).
Insert instead "any officer or employee of the Waterways Authority".

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[2] Section 27A Evidence

Omit "an officer or employee of the Maritime Services Board authorised by the General Manager of that Board to sign it" from section 27A (1) (b).

Insert instead "any officer or employee of the Waterways Authority" 5

[3] Section 27A (3) (i)

Omit "Maritime Services Board".

Insert instead "Waterways Authority".

4.22 Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Act 1987 No 33 10

Schedule 1 Authorities

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."
Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority. 15

Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation.

4.23 Public Authorities Superannuation Act 1985 No 41

Schedule 3 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales." from Part 2. 20

4.24 Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 No 152

Schedule 2 Statutory bodies

Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."
Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority.

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Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation.

**4.25 Public Sector Executives Superannuation Act 1989
No 106**

Schedule 1 Additional employers

Insert in alphabetical order:

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Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

4.26 Public Sector Management Act 1988 No 33

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[1] Schedule 3 Declared Authorities

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."
Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority.

- [2] **Schedule 3A Chief executive positions**
Omit "Chief Executive of the Maritime Services Board" from Part 3.
- [3] **Schedule 3A**
Insert in Part 2 in alphabetical order of offices: 5
Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority
- [4] **Schedule 3B Senior executive positions**
Omit the heading "Maritime Services Board" and all positions under that heading.
- 4.27 Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948 No 20** 10
- [1] **Section 3 Works within areas vested in Maritime Services Board**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation". 15
- [2] **Section 4 Construction etc of work to which this Act extends**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from section 4 (9).
Insert instead "Minister for Ports". 20
- [3] **Section 22A Definitions**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales—that Board" from the definition of *Constructing Authority*.
Insert instead "Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation or a Port Corporation (within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*)—the Minister for Ports". 25
- [4] **Section 23 Construction of works in navigable waters**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" and "said Board".
Insert instead in each case "Minister for Ports". 30

**4.28 State Authorities Non-contributory Superannuation Act
1987 No 212**

Schedule 1 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from
Part 1. 5

Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority 10

4.29 State Authorities Superannuation Act 1987 No 211

Schedule 1 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from
Part 1. 15

Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

**4.30 State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989
No 165** 20

**Section 53 Offence to operate rescue unit without
accreditation**

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" from section 53 (3) (b).

Insert instead "a Port Corporation (within the meaning of the *Ports
Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*), the
Waterways Authority". 25

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4.31 State Public Service Superannuation Act 1985 No 45

Schedule 3 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

4.32 Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 No 146

Section 12 Machinery provisions regarding repeal

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Omit section 12 (6).

4.33 Superannuation Act 1916 No 28

Schedule 3 List of employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from Part 1.

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Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

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Schedule 5 Savings, transitional and other provisions

(Section 113)

Part 1 Regulations

- 1 Regulations** 5
- (1) The regulations may contain provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of this Act.
- (2) Any such savings or transitional provision may include the interpretation of references to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary, to any director or employee of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary or to an Act repealed by this Act or any provision of such an Act. 10
- (3) Any such savings or transitional provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect on the date of assent to this Act or a later date. 15
- (4) To the extent to which any such savings or transitional provision takes effect on a date that is earlier than the date of its publication in the Gazette, the provision does not operate so as:
- (a) to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State, a Port Corporation, the MSB, any MSB subsidiary or any authority of the State), the rights of that person existing before the date of its publication, or 20
- (b) to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State, a Port Corporation, the MSB, any MSB subsidiary or any authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication. 25

Part 2 Provisions consequent on enactment of this Act

- 2 Directors and senior executives of MSB and its subsidiaries to vacate office** 30
- (1) A person who, immediately before the dissolution of the MSB, held office as a director of the MSB:

Schedule 5 Savings, transitional and other provisions

- (a) ceases to hold that office, and
 - (b) is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that office.
 - (2) A person who, immediately before the dissolution of any MSB subsidiary, held office as a director of the subsidiary: 5
 - (a) ceases to hold that office, and
 - (b) is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that office.
 - (3) A person who, immediately before the dissolution of the MSB, was a member of staff of the MSB and held an executive position under Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* (including the Chief Executive of the MSB or the Managing Director of any MSB subsidiary): 10
 - (a) ceases to hold that position, and
 - (b) except as provided by subclause (4), is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that position. 15
 - (4) Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* applies to a person who so ceases to hold an executive position as if the person had been removed from that position under section 42Q (1) of that Act. If the person is not immediately engaged in a Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority, the Public Service or a public sector agency, the person is taken to be an unattached officer in the Public Service under section 42Q (2) (a) of that Act until such time as the person is so engaged, the declaration is duly revoked under that Act, or the person's period of appointment with the MSB ends, whichever first occurs. 20 25
- 3 MSB or subsidiary as consent or concurring authority under planning instruments**
- (1) A reference in any environmental planning instrument or development consent or other instrument under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary as the consent authority, or as an 30

authority whose approval or concurrence is to be obtained or as an authority which is to be consulted, in respect of any development is to be read as a reference to the Minister.

- (2) This clause is subject to the regulations under clause 1.

4 Pending environmental impact statements 5

- (1) If, before the commencement of this clause:

(a) the Director of Planning has notified the MSB or any MSB subsidiary of requirements as to the form and content of a proposed environmental impact statement or any other matter to be attended to by or on behalf of the MSB or MSB subsidiary in accordance with Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, or 10

(b) the MSB or any MSB subsidiary, or a person on its behalf, has commenced the preparation of an environmental impact statement under that Part, or 15

(c) an environmental impact statement has been prepared by or on behalf of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary under that Part,

that Part applies in relation to the activity concerned as if the MSB or MSB subsidiary had continued in existence and the Minister were the MSB or MSB subsidiary. 20

- (2) This clause is subject to the regulations under clause 1.

5 Abolition of Maritime Services Board Fund

(1) The Maritime Services Board Fund established under the *Marine Administration Act 1989* is abolished on the dissolution of the MSB. 25

(2) Any money standing to the credit of that Fund that becomes an asset of the Waterways Authority by the operation of this Act is payable into the Waterways Authority Fund established under this Act. 30

6 Special provisions relating to MSB land in Sydney Harbour

- (1) This clause applies to any land that, immediately before its transfer under this Act to the Ministerial Corporation, a Port Corporation or any other person or body, was vested in the MSB pursuant to the *Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900*. 5
- (2) Land to which this clause applies is freed and discharged from any trusts, restrictions or other provisions affecting that land, or any part of it, arising under the *Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900*.
- (3) In particular, the land is freed and discharged from:
- (a) the trust arising under section 27 of that Act that it is vested in the MSB upon trust for the purposes of that Act, and 10
- (b) the restriction arising under section 28 of that Act that land withdrawn from the MSB vests in the persons who would have been entitled to it as if that Act had not been passed. 15

7 Land tax exemption

The reference to the Maritime Services Board in Schedule 1 (Public Authorities) to the *Land Tax Management Regulation 1992* is taken to be a reference to the Ministerial Corporation and the Waterways Authority. 20

8 MSB financial accounts before dissolution

For the purposes of the application to the MSB or an MSB subsidiary of section 43A of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (General audit of former statutory bodies), the Ministerial Corporation is taken to be the successor to the MSB or an MSB subsidiary. 25

9 Acting board of directors on establishment of Port Corporations

- (1) This clause applies if, on the establishment of a Port Corporation, no directors of the board of the Port Corporation have been appointed in accordance with the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*. 30

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- (2) Until directors are first so appointed, the persons who were the appointed directors of the relevant MSB subsidiary ports authority are appointed by this clause to act as directors of the Port Corporation. While so acting they have all the functions of a director and are taken to be the directors of the Port Corporation. 5
- (3) The Minister may remove any such acting director from office at any time.
- (4) Any such acting directors cease to hold office when the first directors of the Port Corporation are appointed in accordance with the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*. 10
- (5) For the purposes of this clause, *the relevant MSB port authority* is:
- (a) in the case of Newcastle Port Corporation—the MSB Hunter Ports Authority, and 15
 - (b) in the case of Port Kembla Port Corporation—the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority, and
 - (c) in the case of Sydney Ports Corporation—the MSB Sydney Ports Authority.

10 Timetable for first statement of corporate intent 20

A period within which any matter is required to be done under section 21 of the *State Owned Corporation Act 1989* in connection with the first statement of corporate intent of a Port Corporation may be extended by the voting shareholders of the Port Corporation. 25

11 Saving of contracts for pilotage services under Pilotage Act 1971

A contract under Part 4A of the *Pilotage Act 1971* that is in force on the repeal of that Part is taken to be a contract under section 81 of this Act. 30

12 Port charges

- (1) In any Act or statutory instrument and in any legal document:
- (a) a reference to harbour rates under the *Port Rates Act 1975* (or wharfage charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to wharfage charges and port cargo access charges under this Act (or to one of those charges if the context or subject matter so requires), and 5
 - (b) a reference to berthing charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* is to be read as a reference to berthing charges under this Act, and 10
 - (c) a reference to tonnage rates under the *Port Rates Act 1975* (or site occupation charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to site occupation charges under this Act, and 15
 - (d) a reference to harbour and light rates under the *Pilotage Act 1971* (or navigation service charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to navigation service charges under this Act, and
 - (e) a reference to pilotage rates under the *Pilotage Act 1971* (or pilotage charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to pilotage charges under this Act. 20
- (2) An agreement under section 18 of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* between the MSB or an MSB subsidiary and a person liable to pay a charge under that Act is taken to be an agreement under Division 7 of Part 5 of this Act. The agreement is subject to such modifications as are required by subclause (1) or as are made by the relevant port authority, by notice served on the person, for the purpose of making any necessary adjustments as a consequence of the changes to port charges effected by Part 5 of this Act. 25
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- (3) Any purported agreement by MSB or an MSB subsidiary port authority (or a person purporting to act on their behalf) under which wharfage charges under section 7 of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* at sites not operated by the MSB or an MSB subsidiary port authority are waived in a particular port for cargo generally or any class of cargo is void (and was always void). 35

This subclause only applies to agreements notified in the Gazette by the Minister for the purposes of this clause. The wharfage charges concerned are payable even though the demand for payment is made after the commencement of this clause.

- (4) A security lodged under section 20 of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* by a person liable to pay a charge under that Act is taken to be a security lodged under section 71 of this Act. 5
- (5) Without limiting the operation of any saving contained in the *Interpretation Act 1987*, nothing in this Act affects the liability of any person to pay any rate or charge incurred under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*. Subject to any regulation under clause 1 or Part 5 of this Act, the provisions of that Part apply to the payment of any such rate or charge to the successor of the MSB that acquires under this Act the right to that payment. 10
- 13 Continuation of certain port charges regulations and port boundaries regulations** 15
- (1) The *Marine Port Charges Regulation 1990* made under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* is (to the extent that it can lawfully be made under this Act) taken to be a regulation made under this Act (see section 76). A reference in that regulation to the MSB is taken to be a reference to the relevant port authority within the meaning of Part 5 of this Act. 20
- (2) The *Ports Boundaries Regulation 1978* made under the *Maritime Services Act 1935* is (to the extent that it can lawfully be made under this Act) taken to be a regulation made under this Act (see section 105). 25
- 14 Saving of appointments of harbour masters**
- (1) A person who, immediately before the repeal of section 36A of the *Maritime Services Act 1935*, was duly appointed as a harbour master, or to act in the capacity of a harbour master, under the marine legislation is taken to have been so appointed under Part 7 of this Act. 30

15 General savings

- (1) Anything done under an Act, provision of an Act or regulation repealed by this Act that has any force or effect immediately before its repeal, is taken to have been done under the corresponding provision of this Act. 5
- (2) Anything done by the MSB under a provision of the marine legislation that is amended by this Act (being an amendment that changes references to the MSB with references to the Minister) and that has any force or effect immediately before its amendment is (subject to this Act) taken to have been done by the Minister. 10

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Amendments to be moved in Committee

- No. 1 Page 4, clause 3, lines 1 and 2. Insert "Limited" after "Corporation" wherever occurring.
- No. 2 Pages 5 and 6, Division 1 of Part 2 (clauses 6-8), lines 1-30 on page 5 and lines 1-5 on page 6. Omit the Division. Insert instead:

**Division 1 - Establishment of Port Corporations as company
State owned corporations**

6 Establishment of Newcastle Port Corporation Limited as SOC

The State Owned Corporations Act 1989 is amended by inserting in Schedule 1, in alphabetical order, the words "Newcastle Port Corporation Limited".

**7 Establishment of Port Kembla Port Corporation Limited as
SOC**

The State Owned Corporations Act 1989 is amended by inserting in Schedule 1, in alphabetical order, the words "Port Kembla Port Corporation Limited".

8 Establishment of Sydney Ports Corporation Limited as SOC

The State Owned Corporations Act 1989 is amended by inserting in Schedule 1, in alphabetical order, the words "Sydney Ports Corporation Limited".

- No. 3 Page 9, clause 16, lines 13-19. Insert "Limited" after "Corporation" wherever occurring.
- No. 4 Page 9, clause 16, line 27. Omit "statutory".
- No. 5 Page 10, clause 16, line 4. Omit "Section 20C". Insert instead "Section 7".

No. 6 Pages 10-13, Clauses 18-21, lines 22-32 on page 10, lines 1-34 on page 11, lines 1-32 on page 12 and lines 1-5 on page 13. Omit the clauses. Insert instead:

18 Prohibition on sale or disposal of shares

Shares in a Port Corporation cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of except to eligible Ministers within the meaning of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.

19 Restriction on sale or disposal of transferred land

For the purposes of section 20 of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the main undertaking of a Port Corporation includes any land that is transferred to the Port Corporation under section 16.

20 Provisions relating to subsidiaries

Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is, as regards a Port Corporation, taken to be altered:

- (a) by inserting in clause 1 (5) after the word "director" the words "to be appointed by or on behalf of the Corporation",
- (b) by omitting clause 1 (9) and by inserting instead the following subclause:
 - (9) Shares may not be issued except with the prior written approval of the voting shareholders of the Corporation, and shares held by eligible Ministers or by or on behalf of the Corporation may not be transferred except with such prior written approval or by the Premier under subclause (4).

21 Application of Freedom of Information Act 1989

- (1) The *Freedom of Information Act 1989* applies to and in respect of a Port Corporation and any subsidiaries of a Port Corporation as if they were each a public authority.
- (2) For the purposes of that Act:
 - (a) the Minister administering this section is the responsible Minister, and
 - (b) the Managing Director of a Port Corporation, or the holder of another office prescribed by the regulations, is the principal officer of the Port Corporation, and
 - (c) the Managing Director of a subsidiary of a Port Corporation, or the holder of another office prescribed by the regulations, is the principal officer of the subsidiary.

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- No. 7 Page 61, Schedule 2, lines 16-22. Insert "Limited" after "Corporation" wherever occurring.
- No. 8 Pages 68, 83, 85 and 86, Schedule 4, lines 18-20 on page 68, lines 11-13 on page 83, lines, 7-9 and 16-18 on page 85 and lines 12-14 on page 86. Insert "Limited" after "Corporation" wherever occurring.
- No. 9 Pages 90 and 91, Schedule 5, lines 28-33 on page 90 and lines 1-19 on page 91. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 10 Page 1, Long title. Omit "statutory State owned corporations". Insert instead "State owned corporations".



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New South Wales

Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995 No 13

Act No 13, 1995

An Act to establish statutory State owned corporations to operate the State's port facilities in the major ports; to transfer waterways management and other marine safety functions to the Minister; to establish the Waterways Authority to exercise those waterways management functions; to provide for port charges, pilotage and other marine matters; to dissolve the Maritime Services Board and its subsidiaries; to repeal certain existing marine legislation and to amend other legislation; and for other purposes. [Assented to 15 June 1995]

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Act:

assets means any legal or equitable estate or interest (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent) in real or personal property of any description (including money), and includes securities, choses in action and documents.

commercial vessel has the same meaning it has in the *Commercial Vessels Act 1979*.

exercise a function includes perform a duty.

function includes a power, authority or duty.

harbour master means a person appointed or acting as harbour master under Part 7.

liabilities means any liabilities, debts and obligations (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent).

marine legislation means any of the following Acts (and the regulations and other instruments made under any of those Acts):

this Act

Navigation Act 1901

Maritime Services Act 1935

Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971

Commercial Vessels Act 1979

Marine Pollution Act 1987

Marine (Boating Safety—Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1991

Any other Act prescribed by the regulations.

master of a vessel means the person having the command or charge of the vessel, but does not include a pilot.

Ministerial Corporation means the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation constituted under Part 3.

MSB means the Maritime Services Board constituted under Part 2 of the *Marine Administration Act 1989*.

MSB subsidiary means:

- (a) any MSB subsidiary ports authority (being the MSB Hunter Ports Authority, the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority or the MSB Sydney Ports Authority, constituted under Part 3 of the *Marine Administration Act 1989*), or
- (b) the MSB Waterways Authority constituted under Part 3 of the *Marine Administration Act 1989*.

navigable waters means all waters (whether or not in the State) that are from time to time capable of navigation and are open to or used by the public for navigation, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise, but does not include flood waters that have temporarily flowed over the established bank of a watercourse.

navigation aid means any device used for the safety of navigation (such as a beacon, buoy or marine mark), but does not include a device on board a vessel.

operating licence of a Port Corporation means an operating licence issued to the Port Corporation by the Governor under Division 3 of Part 2.

owner of a vessel or cargo—see section 48.

pilot of a vessel means the person who has the conduct of the vessel but who does not belong to the vessel.

pilotage and **pilotage port** have the same meanings as in Part 6.

port includes any of following waters (or any part of those waters):

- (a) any harbour or haven, whether natural or artificial,
- (b) any estuary, channel, river, creek or roadstead,
- (c) any navigable water in which vessels may lie for shelter or for the transfer of cargo or passengers.

Port Corporation means the Newcastle Port Corporation, Port Kembla Port Corporation or Sydney Ports Corporation.

recreational vessel means a vessel other than a commercial vessel.

rights means all rights, powers, privileges and immunities (whether present or future or whether vested or contingent).

vessel—see section 4.

Waterways Authority means the Waterways Authority constituted under Part 4.

- (2) Notes in the text of this Act do not form part of this Act.

Note. Penalties for offences are expressed in penalty units. Under the *Interpretation Act 1987*, the amount of a penalty unit was \$100 on the enactment of this Act.

4 Meaning of "vessel"

- (1) In this Act, **vessel** includes water craft of any description used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- (2) Without limiting the above, a vessel includes:
- (a) any non-displacement craft, and
 - (b) a seaplane, but only while it is on water, and
 - (c) anything used on water that is declared by the regulations to be a vessel.
- (3) However, a vessel does not include anything that is declared by the regulations not to be a vessel.

5 Dissolution of MSB and its subsidiaries

- (1) The MSB, and each MSB subsidiary, is dissolved.
- (2) The following Schedules have effect:
- Schedule 1 (Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities of MSB and its subsidiaries)
- Schedule 2 (Transfer of former MSB staff other than senior executives).

Part 2 Port Corporations

Division 1 Establishment of Port Corporations as statutory State owned corporations

6 Establishment of Newcastle Port Corporation as statutory SOC

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Newcastle Port Corporation.
- (2) The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is amended by inserting in Part 1 of Schedule 5, in alphabetical order, the words "Newcastle Port Corporation".

7 Establishment of Port Kembla Port Corporation as statutory SOC

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Port Kembla Port Corporation.
- (2) The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is amended by inserting in Part 1 of Schedule 5, in alphabetical order, the words "Port Kembla Port Corporation".

8 Establishment of Sydney Ports Corporation as statutory SOC

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Sydney Ports Corporation.
- (2) The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* is amended by inserting in Part 1 of Schedule 5, in alphabetical order, the words "Sydney Ports Corporation".

Note. The *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* contains many provisions that apply to the Port Corporations as statutory State owned corporations. In particular, Part 3 contains provisions relating to their status, the application of the *Corporations Law*, the issue of shares to the Treasurer and another Minister, the board of directors, the chief executive officer, the employment of staff, the giving of directions by the portfolio Minister (including for the performance of non-commercial activities or the carrying out of public sector policies), the memorandum and articles, dividends and tax-equivalent

payments, government guarantees, the sale or disposal of assets and legal capacity. Part 4 deals with the accountability of State owned corporations (including statements of corporate intent, annual reports and accounts). Part 5 deals with miscellaneous matters (including the duties and liabilities of directors and the application of public sector legislation).

Division 2 Objectives and functions of Port Corporations

9 Objectives of Port Corporations

The principal objectives of each Port Corporation are:

- (a) to be a successful business and, to this end:
 - (i) to operate at least as efficiently as any comparable businesses, and
 - (ii) to maximise the net worth of the State's investment in the Port Corporation, and
 - (iii) to exhibit a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate these when able to do so, and
- (b) to promote and facilitate trade through its port facilities, and
- (c) to ensure that its port safety functions are carried out properly.

10 Functions of Port Corporations

- (1) A Port Corporation has the functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this or any other Act or law.
- (2) The principal functions of each Port Corporation are:
 - (a) to establish, manage and operate port facilities and services in its ports, and
 - (b) to exercise the port safety functions for which it is licensed in accordance with its operating licence.
- (3) A Port Corporation may:
 - (a) provide facilities or services that are ancillary or incidental to its principal functions, and

- (b) conduct any business (whether or not related to its principal functions) that it considers will further its objectives.
- (4) This section does not limit the functions of a Port Corporation apart from this section, but is subject to the provisions of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the marine legislation and any other Act or law.

Division 3 Operating licence for port safety functions of Port Corporations

11 Meaning of "port safety functions"

In this Division, *port safety functions* means any or all of the following functions of the Minister:

- (a) the function of providing or arranging for the provision of safety services in respect of ports (such as the installation and maintenance of navigation aids, vessel traffic control, pilotage services, the dredging and maintenance of navigation channels and hydrographic services),
- (b) the function of providing or arranging for the provision of emergency environment protection services for dealing with pollution incidents in relevant waters,
- (c) the function of carrying out investigations into marine accidents or incidents,
- (d) any other function determined by the Minister and specified in an operating licence under this Division.

12 Exercise of port safety functions under operating licence

- (1) The port safety functions exercisable by a Port Corporation are to be determined by the Minister.
- (2) Any such port safety functions may only be exercised by a Port Corporation in accordance with an operating licence issued to the Port Corporation by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister.

- (3) While a Port Corporation holds an operating licence, the Port Corporation must exercise the port safety functions to which it applies and must do so in accordance with the licence, the marine legislation and any other relevant Act or law.
- (4) This Division does not limit the functions that may be delegated to a Port Corporation under this Act. This Division also does not limit the exercise of port safety functions by the Minister or their delegation under the marine legislation to others.

13 Performance standards and quality assurance programs for services under operating licence

- (1) An operating licence is to set out performance standards, and provide for quality assurance programs, for services to be provided by the Port Corporation in exercising port safety functions under the licence.
- (2) The Governor may vary an operating licence by omitting a port safety function from the licence if satisfied that the Port Corporation has failed to perform the service concerned to the standard required under the licence.

14 Fee for operating licence and other financial provisions

- (1) An operating licence is to make provision for the payment to the Minister by the Port Corporation of a periodic licence fee.
- (2) An operating licence may make provision for the fixing and collection by, and payment to, the Port Corporation of navigation service charges in accordance with Part 5. The licence may provide for the remittance of any part of the amount collected to the Minister.

15 Other provisions relating to operating licence

- (1) An operating licence may impose conditions and restrictions on the exercise of port safety functions under the licence.
- (2) The initial term of an operating licence is to be for a maximum of 5 years, as determined by the Governor. After the initial term, the Governor may renew an operating licence for a maximum of 5 years at a time (even if its term has expired).
- (3) An operating licence may be varied by the Governor during its term by notice served on the Port Corporation.

- (4) The Governor may cancel an operating licence for a contravention of the licence or in any other circumstances authorised by the licence.

Division 4 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities

16 Transfer of MSB port assets, rights and liabilities

- (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, direct that such assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary, as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to a Port Corporation so specified.
- (2) Under such transfers:
- (a) assets, rights and liabilities relating to the port of Newcastle may be transferred to Newcastle Port Corporation, and
 - (b) assets, rights and liabilities relating to the port of Port Kembla may be transferred to Port Kembla Port Corporation, and
 - (c) assets, rights and liabilities relating to the ports of Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay may be transferred to Sydney Ports Corporation.
- (3) The freehold title to land that comprises the bed of the waters of a port is not to be transferred to a Port Corporation under this section. However, this subsection does not prevent the transfer to a Port Corporation of the ownership of any facility installed on the bed of those waters.
- (4) Assets, rights or liabilities may not be transferred under this section to a Port Corporation unless the Port Corporation is a statutory State owned corporation.
- (5) Schedule 1 applies to an order under this section.
- (6) For the purposes of this section, the assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary include:
- (a) any assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary that have vested in the Ministerial Corporation under this Act (but only during the period of 12 months after the dissolution of the MSB), and

- (b) any assets, rights or liabilities used by or attaching to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary and belonging to the State or an authority of the State.
- (7) Section 20C of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* does not apply to the assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or an MSB subsidiary.

17 Port safety assets, rights and liabilities

- (1) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such port safety assets, rights and liabilities of a Port Corporation, as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to the Ministerial Corporation or to any other person on behalf of the State.
- (2) The port safety assets, rights and liabilities are those designated as such when transferred to the Port Corporation by order of the Minister under this Act or any other assets, rights and liabilities that relate to the port safety functions of the Port Corporation and are designated as such in the most recent statement of corporate intent of the Port Corporation.
- (3) An order under this section may be made on such terms and conditions as are specified or referred to in the order.
- (4) Schedule 1 applies to an order under this section.

Division 5 Miscellaneous

18 Special provision for election of staff director

- (1) The staff director of the board of directors of a Port Corporation (referred to in section 20J (3) (a) of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*) is to be a person elected in the manner prescribed by this section instead of a person selected in the manner prescribed by that Act.
- (2) Regulations may be made for or with respect to the election of a staff director.
- (3) Employees of a Port Corporation are entitled to vote at an election of the staff director of the board of the Port Corporation in accordance with the regulations under this section.

- (4) A person is entitled to be elected as the staff director of the board of a Port Corporation whether or not the person is an employee of the Port Corporation.
- (5) The Electoral Commissioner of New South Wales, or a person nominated by the Electoral Commissioner, is to be the returning officer and has all the functions conferred or imposed on the returning officer by the regulations under this section. A Port Corporation is required to re-imburse the Electoral Commissioner for the costs incurred by the Electoral Commissioner in conducting an election for the staff director of that Port Corporation.
- (6) A person may be, at the same time, both a staff director and an employee of the Port Corporation concerned. Nothing in any law, rule, direction or other requirement that:
- (a) is applicable to a staff director in the person's capacity as an employee of the Port Corporation, and
 - (b) would not be so applicable if the person were not such an employee,
- operates so as to prevent or restrict the exercise by the person of his or her functions as a staff director.
- (7) If an election fails for any reason or a staff director vacates office before the end of the person's term of office, any person nominated by the Minister after consultation with representatives of the employees of the Port Corporation may be appointed as the staff director under section 20J (3) (a) of the *State Owned Corporation Act 1989* to hold office until an election of a staff director is held in the manner prescribed by this section. Such an appointment may also be made in the case of the first staff director after the establishment of the Port Corporation pending the first election.
- (8) The term for which a staff director is appointed (as specified in the director's instrument of appointment) is to be not less than 3 years. This subsection does not apply to an appointment referred to in subsection (7).

- (9) In this section, *employee* of a Port Corporation means any member of the staff of the Port Corporation, but (unless the regulations under this section otherwise provide) does not include a person who is employed on a temporary or casual basis.

Note. Section 20J (3) of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* provides that one of the directors of a statutory SOC is to be a staff director. The above section provides for the manner of selecting that staff director (as contemplated by that Act—see clause 4 of Schedule 8 to that Act).

19 Restriction on sale or disposal of transferred land

For the purposes of section 20Y of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the main undertaking of a Port Corporation includes any land that is transferred to the Port Corporation by order under this Part.

Note. Section 20Y of that Act prohibits the sale or disposal of any of the main undertakings of a statutory SOC (as described in its statement of corporate intent) without the prior written approval of the voting shareholders.

20 Foundation charter of Port Corporation for purposes of SOC Act

For the purposes of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, the foundation charter of a Port Corporation is this Part of this Act (but not the remainder of this Act).

Note. Section 3 of that Act defines the foundation charter of a statutory SOC as the whole of the Act by which a SOC is established for the purposes of the SOC Act, in particular for the purpose of provisions relating to the legal capacity of statutory SOCs and assumptions that they have complied with that Act and their foundation charter.

21 Consultation with Minister on appointment of directors of Port Corporation and on statement of corporate intent

- (1) The voting shareholders of a Port Corporation are to consult the Minister about any proposed recommendation of the voting shareholders to appoint directors of the Port Corporation under section 20J of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.

- (2) The voting shareholders of a Port Corporation are also to consult the Minister about any proposed action of the voting shareholders concerning the preparation, completion or modification of the statement of corporate intent of the Port Corporation under section 21 of that Act.

22 Interpretation of this Part

Words and expressions used in this Part and also in the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* have the same meanings in this Part as they have in that Act.

Part 3 Marine safety and other functions of Minister

Division 1 Marine safety and other marine legislation functions

23 Functions under marine legislation

The Minister has such functions as are conferred or imposed on the Minister by or under the marine legislation.

Note. The remaining functions of the MSB under the marine legislation have been conferred on the Minister by amendments to that legislation contained in Schedule 4.

24 Marine safety functions generally

The Minister has general responsibility for marine safety, including:

- (a) the safe operation of recreational and commercial vessels, and
- (b) the safety of navigation in ports and other navigable waters, and
- (c) the protection of the environment in connection with the use of vessels in State waters (within the meaning of the *Marine Pollution Act 1987*).

25 Particular marine safety functions

The Minister has the following particular marine safety functions:

- (a) to provide or arrange for the provision of marine safety services in accordance with the marine legislation (such as the installation and maintenance of navigation aids, vessel traffic control within ports, moorings in ports for vessels, pilotage services within ports, the dredging and maintenance of navigation channels and hydrographic services),

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- (b) to investigate or arrange for the investigation of marine accidents and incidents,
 - (c) to provide or arrange for the provision of emergency environment protection services for dealing with pollution incidents in State waters (within the meaning of the *Marine Pollution Act 1987*).

26 Management of trading ports not managed by Port Corporations

- (1) The Minister has the function of managing, or arranging for the management of, the commercial port facilities of the State that are not managed by a Port Corporation.
- (2) Those commercial port facilities comprise the port facilities that are vested in the Ministerial Corporation. They also comprise any port facilities that are vested in another State authority and that the Minister has undertaken to manage with the agreement of that other State authority.
- (3) The Minister may establish committees to advise it on the management of those facilities.

Note. On the enactment of this Act, the commercial port facilities at the ports of Yamba and Eden will be subject to the management of the Minister under the above section.

27 Delegation of functions by Minister

- (1) The Minister may delegate to an authorised person any of the functions of the Minister under the marine legislation, other than this power of delegation.
- (2) A delegate may sub-delegate to an authorised person any function delegated by the Minister if the delegate is authorised in writing to do so by the Minister.
- (3) In this section, *authorised person* means:
 - (a) the Waterways Authority or a member of the staff of the Waterways Authority, or

- (b) a Port Corporation or a member of the staff of a Port Corporation, or
- (c) a harbour master or acting harbour master, or
- (d) a public servant, or
- (e) any person of a class prescribed by the regulations.

28 Minister may contract for supply of services

- (1) The Minister may enter into contracts for the supply of services required to be provided by the Minister in the exercise of the functions of the Minister referred to in this Division.
- (2) This section does not affect any other power of the Minister to enter into a contract for the supply of services.

Division 2 Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation

29 Constitution of Ministerial Corporation

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a body corporate with the corporate name of the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation.
- (2) The Ministerial Corporation is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

30 Minister to manage and control affairs of Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The affairs of the Ministerial Corporation are to be managed and controlled by the Minister.
- (2) Any act, matter or thing done in the name of, or on behalf of, the Ministerial Corporation by the Minister is taken to have been done by the Ministerial Corporation.

31 Functions of Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The Ministerial Corporation has the functions conferred or imposed on the Ministerial Corporation by or under the marine legislation or any other Act or law.

- (2) The functions of the Ministerial Corporation include the following:
- (a) to hold on behalf of the State, retain, transfer and dispose of assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it under this Act,
 - (b) to acquire, exchange, lease, dispose of and otherwise deal with property,
 - (c) to develop and manage land transferred to it under this Act or otherwise acquired by it,
 - (d) to carry on any activity or business that relates to the assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it or that is incidental or ancillary to the assets, rights and liabilities transferred to it.
- (3) The Minister may exercise any function referred to in Division 1 in the name of the Ministerial Corporation, and for that purpose the Ministerial Corporation has those functions of the Minister.
- (4) The Ministerial Corporation may do all such things as are supplemental or incidental to the exercise of its functions.

32 Transfer of remaining assets, rights and liabilities to Ministerial Corporation on dissolution of MSB and its subsidiaries

- (1) The remaining MSB assets, rights and liabilities are transferred to the Ministerial Corporation.
- (2) The remaining MSB assets, rights and liabilities are the assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB and each MSB subsidiary immediately before their dissolution by this Act, other than:
 - (a) any such assets, rights or liabilities as are transferred, on or before that dissolution, to a Port Corporation by an order made under section 16 or to the Waterways Authority by an order made under section 45, and
 - (b) any such assets, rights or liabilities as are transferred to a person or persons on behalf of the State by an order made under subsection (3) on or before that dissolution.
- (3) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary as are specified or referred to in the order be transferred to such person or persons (other than a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority) on behalf of the State as is specified in the order.

- (4) Schedule 1 applies to the transfer of the remaining MSB assets, rights and liabilities to the Ministerial Corporation under subsection (1) and also applies to an order under subsection (3).
- (5) This section is subject to Schedule 2 (Transfer of former MSB staff other than senior executives).

33 Acquisition of land by Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The Ministerial Corporation may, for the purposes of the marine legislation, acquire land (including an interest in land) by agreement or by compulsory process in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), land may be so acquired for the purposes of the Minister under the marine legislation, the Waterways Authority or a Port Corporation.
- (3) Land so acquired for the purposes of a Port Corporation may be transferred to the Port Corporation or a subsidiary of the Port Corporation, but only if the Port Corporation or subsidiary makes provision to the satisfaction of the Ministerial Corporation for the payment of the purchase price or of compensation for compulsory acquisition (together with all necessary charges and expenses incidental to the acquisition).
- (4) For the purposes of the *Public Works Act 1912*, any such acquisition of land is taken to be for an authorised work and the Ministerial Corporation is, in relation to that authorised work, taken to be the Constructing Authority.
- (5) Sections 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the *Public Works Act 1912* do not apply in respect of works constructed under this Act.

34 Seal of Ministerial Corporation

The seal of the Ministerial Corporation is to be kept by the Minister and may be affixed to a document only:

- (a) in the presence of the Minister or a person authorised in that behalf by the Minister, and
- (b) with an attestation by the signature of the Minister or that person of the fact of the affixing of the seal.

Part 4 Waterways Authority

Division 1 Constitution and management of Waterways Authority

35 Constitution of Authority

- (1) There is constituted by this Act a body corporate with the corporate name of the Waterways Authority.
- (2) The Waterways Authority is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

36 Chief Executive of Authority

- (1) The Governor may appoint a Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority.
- (2) The employment of the Chief Executive is subject to Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988*, but is not subject to Part 2 of that Act.
- (3) The Minister may, from time to time, appoint a person to act in the office of the Chief Executive during the illness or absence of the Chief Executive (or during a vacancy in the office of Chief Executive) and the person, while so acting, has all the functions of the Chief Executive and is taken to be the Chief Executive.
- (4) The Minister may, at any time, remove a person from office as acting Chief Executive.
- (5) An acting Chief Executive is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine.

37 Chief Executive to manage and control affairs of Authority

- (1) The affairs of the Waterways Authority are to be managed and controlled by the Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority.

- (2) Any act, matter or thing done in the name of, or on behalf of, the Waterways Authority by the Chief Executive is taken to have been done by the Waterways Authority.

38 Ministerial control of Authority

The Waterways Authority is, in the exercise of its functions, subject to the control and direction of the Minister.

39 Corporate plan

- (1) The Waterways Authority is required to prepare and deliver to the Minister, at least 3 months before the beginning of each financial year of the Waterways Authority, a draft corporate plan for the financial year.
- (2) The Waterways Authority:
- (a) must consider any comments on the draft corporate plan that are made by the Minister within 2 months after the plan is delivered to the Minister, and
 - (b) must deliver the completed corporate plan to the Minister before the beginning of the financial year concerned.
- (3) The Waterways Authority is, as far as practicable, to exercise its functions in accordance with the relevant corporate plan.
- (4) A corporate plan must specify:
- (a) the objectives of the activities of the Waterways Authority for the financial year concerned and for such future financial years as the Minister directs, and
 - (b) the strategies, policies and budgets for achieving those objectives, and
 - (c) targets and criteria for assessing the performance of the Waterways Authority.
- (5) This section is subject to the requirements of any law, including the requirements of a direction of the Minister under this Act.

40 Staff of Authority

- (1) The Waterways Authority may employ such staff as it requires to exercise its functions.

- (2) The Waterways Authority may fix the salary, wages and conditions of its staff in so far as they are not fixed by or under any other Act or law.
- (3) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the employment of the staff of the Waterways Authority, including the conditions of employment and the discipline of any such staff.
- (4) Any such regulations relating to the conditions of employment or the discipline of staff:
 - (a) have effect subject to any relevant award made by a competent industrial tribunal and to any industrial agreement or enterprise agreement to which the Waterways Authority is a party, and
 - (b) have effect despite any determination of the Waterways Authority under subsection (2).
- (5) The Waterways Authority may arrange for the use of the services of any staff (by secondment or otherwise) or facilities of a Government agency or any other public or local authority. Any staff of whose services the Waterways Authority makes use is taken to be the staff of the Waterways Authority for the purposes of this Act and any other Act that confers functions on the Waterways Authority.
- (6) The Waterways Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, engage consultants.

Division 2 Functions of Waterways Authority

41 Functions of Authority

- (1) The Waterways Authority has the functions conferred or imposed on it by or under the marine legislation or any other Act or law.
- (2) The Waterways Authority has such waterways management or other functions of the Minister under the marine legislation as are delegated to it by the Minister.

- (3) The Waterways Authority may:
- (a) for the purpose of exercising its functions, acquire, use or dispose of land, buildings, vessels, equipment and other assets, and
 - (b) for the purpose of exercising its functions, enter into any contracts or arrangements for the carrying out of any works or the performance of services or the supply of goods or materials, and
 - (c) for the purpose of exercising its functions, appoint agents and act as agent for other persons, and
 - (d) do all such things as are supplemental or incidental to the exercise of its functions, and
 - (e) exercise its functions within or outside New South Wales.

Division 3 Financial and other provisions relating to Waterways Authority

42 Waterways Fund

- (1) There is established a fund to be called the Waterways Fund.
- (2) There is payable into the Waterways Fund:
 - (a) all money received by the Waterways Authority (other than money required under subsection (3) to be paid into the Consolidated Fund), and
 - (b) all penalties recovered for offences against the marine legislation that are recovered in prosecutions brought by (or penalty notices issued by) members of staff of the Waterways Authority, and
 - (c) all interest received in respect of the investment of money belonging to the Fund, and
 - (d) all money borrowed by the Waterways Authority, and
 - (e) all money appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Waterways Authority, and
 - (f) all money directed to be paid into the Fund by this or any other Act.

- (3) The Minister may, with the concurrence of the Treasurer, determine whether money received by the Waterways Authority in the exercise of functions delegated to it by the Minister is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund or the Waterways Fund.
- (4) There is payable from the Waterways Fund:
- (a) all payments made on account of the Waterways Authority or otherwise required to meet the expenditure incurred in relation to the functions of the Waterways Authority, and
 - (b) the remuneration (including allowances) of the Chief Executive and staff of the Waterways Authority, and
 - (c) all money directed to be paid from the Fund by this or any other Act.
- (5) All money payable into the Fund is to be paid into a bank or banks in New South Wales.

43 Investment

The Waterways Authority may invest money in the Waterways Fund:

- (a) in such manner as may be authorised by the *Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Act 1987*, or
- (b) if that Act does not confer power on the Waterways Authority to invest money—in accordance with the *Trustee Act 1925* or in any other manner approved by the Minister with the concurrence of the Treasurer.

44 Financial year of Authority

- (1) The financial year of the Waterways Authority is the year commencing on 1 July.
- (2) A different financial year may be determined by the Treasurer under section 4 (1A) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*.

45 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities to or from Waterways Authority

- (1) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such assets, rights and liabilities of the Ministerial Corporation (or of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary), as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to the Waterways Authority.

- (2) The Minister may direct, by order in writing, that such assets, rights and liabilities of the Waterways Authority, as are specified or referred to in the order, be transferred to the Ministerial Corporation.
- (3) An order under this section may be made on such terms and conditions as are specified or referred to in the order.
- (4) Schedule 1 applies to an order under this section.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, the assets, rights and liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary include any assets, rights or liabilities used by or attaching to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary and belonging to the State or an authority of the State.

46 Seal of Authority

The seal of the Waterways Authority is to be kept by the Chief Executive of the Authority and may be affixed to a document only:

- (a) in the presence of the Chief Executive or a member of the staff of the Authority authorised in that behalf by the Chief Executive, and
- (b) with an attestation by the signature of the Chief Executive or that member of the fact of the affixing of the seal.

Part 5 Port charges

Division 1 Preliminary

47 Definitions generally

(1) In this Part:

buoy means a floating apparatus (other than a vessel) that is in navigable waters and used for securing a vessel.

cargo includes any container or other item used to contain any substance or article.

designated port means (subject to subsection (3)) any of the following ports:

- (a) Sydney Harbour,
- (b) Botany Bay,
- (c) Newcastle,
- (d) Port Kembla,
- (e) Yamba,
- (f) Eden.

Note. On the enactment of this Act, the ports that are pilotage ports are the same as the ports that are designated ports.

dolphin means an apparatus or a structure (other than a wharf or buoy) that is permanently fixed to the bed of navigable waters and that is used for securing a vessel.

relevant port authority means:

- (a) in relation to navigation service charges fixed under an operating licence issued to a Port Corporation—that Port Corporation, or
- (b) in relation to any other navigation service charges—the Minister, or
- (c) in relation to pilotage charges—the pilotage service provider (within the meaning of Part 6), or
- (d) in relation to port cargo access charges—the Minister, or

- (e) in relation to site occupation and wharfage charges for sites owned or operated by a Port Corporation—that Port Corporation, or
- (f) in relation to site occupation and wharfage charges for other sites or in relation to berthing charges—the Minister.

site means a site referred to in section 59.

stevedoring means the loading or unloading of the cargo of a vessel and incidental activities such as the handling or storage of cargo or stevedoring equipment at the place at which the cargo is loaded or unloaded.

- (2) A reference in this Part to anything owned or operated by the Minister includes a reference to anything owned or operated by the Ministerial Corporation.
- (3) The regulations may provide that any other port is a designated port for the purposes of this Part or that a port is no longer such a designated port.

48 Meaning of "owner" of vessel or cargo

- (1) In this Act, *owner* of a vessel or cargo means (subject to this section) the person who owns the vessel or cargo.
- (2) A reference in this Act to the owner of a vessel includes a reference to:
 - (a) a person registered as the vessel's owner in the relevant authority under the marine legislation or other certificate of registry for the vessel, or
 - (b) a person who has chartered the vessel.
- (3) A reference in this Act to the owner of a vessel or cargo includes a reference to a joint owner of the vessel or cargo.
- (4) A reference in this Act to the owner of a vessel or cargo includes a reference to any person who, whether on the person's own behalf or on behalf of another:
 - (a) exercises any of the functions of the owner of the vessel or cargo, or
 - (b) represents to the relevant port authority that the person has those functions or accepts the obligation to exercise those functions.

- (5) For the purposes of this Act, a person does not cease to be an owner of a vessel because the vessel is mortgaged, chartered, leased or hired to another person.

Division 2 Navigation service charges

49 Application of Division

This Division applies to the following vessels in designated ports:

- (a) vessels for which pilotage in such a port is compulsory under Part 6,
- (b) vessels for which pilotage would be compulsory if the master did not hold a pilotage exemption certificate,
- (c) vessels declared by the regulations to be liable for navigation service charges.

50 Imposition of navigation service charge

- (1) A navigation service charge is payable in respect of the general use by a vessel of a designated port and its infrastructure, apart from:
 - (a) the use of a pilot, or
 - (b) the use of land-based port facilities and staff directly involved in providing services at those facilities, or
 - (c) port access for cargo at the interface between the vessel and land-based facilities for the purpose of stevedoring operations.
- (2) The charge is payable on each entry by the vessel into any designated port. Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the charge is to be calculated by reference to the gross tonnage of the vessel.
- (3) The charge is payable whether entry to the waters of a port is by sea or from the land (or, in the case of a seaplane, from the air).
- (4) A navigation service charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned.

51 Fixing of navigation service charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix navigation service charges.

- (2) If the relevant port authority is a Port Corporation, the navigation service charges may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with the operating licence issued to the Port Corporation.
- (3) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports or vessels, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit.

Division 3 Pilotage charges

52 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels entering, moving within or leaving pilotage ports.

53 Pilotage charges

- (1) A pilotage charge is payable in respect of a vessel on each occasion that it:
 - (a) enters, or
 - (b) leaves, or
 - (c) moves within,a pilotage port under the pilotage of a pilot in accordance with Part 6.
- (2) A pilotage charge is also payable for any deferral of pilotage authorised by Part 6 or at the request of the owner or master of the vessel.
- (3) Pilotage charges may be calculated (but are not required to be calculated) by reference to the gross tonnage of the vessel.
- (4) A pilotage charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned.

54 Fixing of pilotage charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix pilotage charges.

- (2) If the relevant port authority is a Port Corporation, the pilotage charges may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with the operating licence issued to the Port Corporation.
- (3) If the relevant port authority is a contractor, the pilotage charges may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with the contract with the Minister to provide the pilotage services.
- (4) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports or vessels, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit.

Division 4 Port cargo access charges

55 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels and their cargo in designated ports.

56 Port cargo access charge

- (1) A port cargo access charge is payable in respect of port access for cargo at the interface between the vessel and land-based facilities for the purpose of stevedoring operations.
- (2) The charge is payable whether the stevedoring operations are carried out at the facilities of a Port Corporation, privately-owned facilities or other facilities.
- (3) Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the charge is to be calculated by reference to the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded at the facility.
- (4) The charge is payable:
 - (a) in the case of cargo that is unloaded at the facility—by the person who, immediately after it is unloaded, is the owner of the cargo, and
 - (b) in the case of cargo that is loaded at the facility—by the person who, immediately before it is loaded, is the owner of the cargo.

- (5) To the extent, however, that the charge is not paid by the person indicated in subsection (4) as liable for its payment, the charge is payable by the person who, at the time payment is demanded, is the owner of the cargo.

57 Fixing of port cargo access charges

- (1) The Minister may fix port cargo access charges.
- (2) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports, cargo or vessels, or according to such other factors as the Minister thinks fit.

Division 5 Site occupation charges and wharfage charges

58 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels and their passengers and cargo in designated ports, but only applies in respect of sites owned or operated by a Port Corporation or the Minister (being the relevant port authorities for the purposes of this Division).

59 Meaning of "site"

- (1) For the purposes of this Division, a *site* is an area designated by the Minister under this Division and defined on a map kept at the office of the Minister.
- (2) The Minister may designate an area as a site, but only if it is owned or operated by a relevant port authority and it consists of:
- (a) an area of water surrounding or adjacent to a wharf, buoy or dolphin, and
 - (b) in the case of a wharf or a dolphin—the whole or part of the area of the wharf or dolphin.

The designated site includes any stratum of the air space above, or of the land or water below, an area so designated.

- (3) In subsection (2), *wharf* includes any land adjacent to it.

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- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) (a), an area of water is owned or operated by the relevant port authority only if:
- (a) the bed of the water is owned or leased by the relevant port authority, or
 - (b) the bed of the water is owned or leased by the State or the Ministerial Corporation and the Minister approves of that area of water being included in a site operated by the relevant port authority.
- (5) The relevant port authority is to keep at its office a copy of a map defining each site it owns or operates.
- (6) A map or a copy of a map referred to in this section may be inspected, without charge, by any person during business hours at the office at which it is kept.
- (7) For the purposes of any legal proceedings, an area defined on a map kept at the office of the Minister is taken to have been duly designated as a site by the Minister under this Division unless the contrary is established.
- (8) An area that, immediately before the repeal of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*, was a site within the meaning of that Act and is owned or operated by a relevant port authority is (subject to this section) a site for the purposes of this Division.

60 Site occupation charge

- (1) A site occupation charge is payable in respect of the occupation of all or part of a site:
- (a) for stevedoring purposes, or
 - (b) for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers, or
 - (c) for the accommodation of a vessel for any purpose (including quarantine or customs purposes), or
 - (d) for any other purpose in connection with a vessel, its passengers or cargo.
- (2) Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the charge is to be calculated by reference to the amount of time (as ascertained by the relevant port authority) during which the site, or a part of it, is reserved or is occupied without reservation.
- (3) The charge is payable by the person whom the relevant port authority recognises as the occupier of the site or part.

61 Wharfage charge

- (1) A wharfage charge is payable in respect of availability of a site at which stevedoring operations may be carried out.
- (2) The charge is to be calculated by reference to the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded at the site.
- (3) The charge is payable:
 - (a) in the case of cargo that is unloaded at the site—by the person who, immediately after it is unloaded, is the owner of the cargo, and
 - (b) in the case of cargo that is loaded at the site—by the person who, immediately before it is loaded, is the owner of the cargo.
- (4) To the extent, however, that the charge is not paid by the person indicated in subsection (3) as liable for its payment, the charge is payable by the person who, at the time payment is demanded by the relevant port authority, is the owner of the cargo.

62 Fixing of charges under this Division

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix the charges payable under this Division.
- (2) If the relevant port authority is a Port Corporation, the charges under this Division may only be fixed with the approval of the Minister.
- (3) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports, sites, cargo or vessels, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit.

63 Replacement of statutory charges with contractual charges

- (1) Charges cease to be payable under this Division on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), different days may be appointed in respect of charges payable to different relevant port authorities or in respect of different charges or other circumstances.

- (3) A proclamation under this section may be varied by a subsequent proclamation (whether before or after the day appointed by the original proclamation).
- (4) Any liability incurred under this Division before a charge ceases to be payable is not affected and the provisions of this Part continue to apply to that liability.
- (5) The fact that charges cease to be payable under this Division does not prevent commercial arrangements from being made for the payment of charges for services provided after that time.

Division 6 Berthing charges

64 Application of Division

This Division applies to vessels in designated ports that are berthed at wharves, buoys or dolphins owned or operated by the Minister (being the relevant port authority for the purposes of this Division).

65 Berthing charge

- (1) A berthing charge is payable in respect of the berthing of a vessel at a wharf, buoy or dolphin if the vessel is a lighter or has a gross tonnage of less than that prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) The berthing charge is payable by the owner of the vessel concerned.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a vessel is taken to be berthed at a wharf, buoy or dolphin:
 - (a) if it is secured to or otherwise held at the wharf, buoy or dolphin, or
 - (b) if it is one of a number of vessels secured or otherwise held together, one of which is secured to or otherwise held at the wharf, buoy or dolphin.

66 Fixing of berthing charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may fix berthing charges.
- (2) Different charges may (subject to this Part) be fixed in respect of different ports, vessels, wharves, buoys or dolphins, or according to such other factors as the relevant port authority thinks fit.

Division 7 Agreements in respect of charges

67 Agreements in respect of charges

- (1) The relevant port authority may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into an agreement with a person liable to pay any kind of charge under this Part.
- (2) Such an agreement may make provision for or with respect to:
 - (a) fixing the amount of any charge payable by the person to the relevant port authority, and
 - (b) any other matter which the relevant port authority is permitted by or under this Part to determine in respect of the charge, and
 - (c) any right or privilege which by or under this Part accrues to the person liable to pay the charge, or which the relevant port authority may confer on the person.
- (3) To the extent that provision is so made, the agreement displaces any determinations of the relevant port authority in relation to the charge or to the matter, right or privilege concerned.

Division 8 Miscellaneous

68 Payment and collection of charges

- (1) A charge under this Part is payable on demand by the relevant port authority, or at such time, or on such terms, as the relevant port authority may determine in respect of the person liable to pay it.

- (2) Agents may be appointed by the relevant port authority for collection of charges.
- (3) If the relevant port authority is the Minister, the Minister may appoint a Port Corporation or any other person as the agent for the collection of charges. The appointment may also be made in an operating licence issued to a Port Corporation.
- (4) A charge under this Part is a debt due to the relevant port authority from the person liable to pay it, and is recoverable by the relevant port authority in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (5) If there is more than one person liable to pay a charge under this Part, those persons are jointly and severally liable to pay the charge.

69 Payment of charges to Minister to be credited to Consolidated Fund

Payments of charges under this Part that are made to the Minister as the relevant port authority (and any remittance to the Minister of part of a navigation service charge under the operating licence of a Port Corporation) are to be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

70 Interest on overdue payments

- (1) Charges under this Part that are unpaid by the due date attract interest at a rate determined by the relevant port authority.
- (2) Different rates may be determined for charges that remain unpaid for different periods of time.
- (3) Unless the regulations otherwise provide, the rate determined in respect of any period is not to exceed 5 per cent per annum above the interest rate that in the ordinary course of business would be charged by the Commonwealth Bank for the relevant period on unsecured overdrafts of more than \$100,000.

71 Security for payment of charges

- (1) As security for the payment of charges that have been or may be incurred under this Part by a person, the relevant port authority may require the person to lodge with it a security deposit.

- (2) The security deposit may take the form of cash or a bank guarantee or such other form as the relevant port authority may approve, and is to be in or for an amount determined by the relevant port authority.
- (3) The relevant port authority may appropriate a security deposit or the proceeds of a security deposit to meet liabilities of the depositor (including any interest payable) under this Part that are unpaid after becoming due.
- (4) In the event that a security deposit or the proceeds of a security deposit have been appropriated or partly appropriated, the relevant port authority may require lodgment of further security.
- (5) If at any time the relevant port authority considers that a depositor's potential liabilities under this Part should be more adequately guaranteed, the relevant port authority may require the lodgment of security in a greater amount, or in a different form, or both.
- (6) This section is subject to the terms of any operating licence issued to a Port Corporation or of any contract made with the Minister by a contractor.

72 Failure to comply with relevant port authority's requirements

- (1) The relevant port authority may withhold or withdraw the provision of services or facilities to a person who fails to comply with any lawful requirement made by the relevant port authority with respect to the provision of those services or facilities, whether or not the person has paid a charge for the provision of the services or facilities.
- (2) Nothing in this section affects any other function or discretion of the relevant port authority in relation to its services and facilities.
- (3) This section is subject to the terms of any operating licence issued to a Port Corporation or of any contract made with the Minister by a contractor.

73 Liability of current owners and agents

- (1) To the extent to which a charge under this Part, payable by the owner of a vessel, is not paid by the person who was the owner at the time the charge was incurred, the charge is payable by the person who is the owner at the time payment is demanded by the relevant port authority.
- (2) If, at the time when a vessel left a port:
 - (a) there was an agent for the berthing or working of the vessel, and
 - (b) there was no other agent for the vessel,that agent is liable, to the same extent as the owner of the vessel, for charges under this Part incurred by the vessel while in port and which are unpaid.
- (3) If, at the time when a vessel left a port, there was an agent for the vessel other than an agent for the berthing or working of the vessel, that agent is liable, to the same extent as the owner of the vessel, for any such unpaid charges.

74 Waiver or refund of charges

The relevant port authority may, with the approval of the Minister, waive or refund the whole or any part of any charge under this Part that is due to the port authority in any particular case or class of cases.

75 Part does not apply to Australian Defence Force vessels

- (1) This Part does not apply to or in respect of a vessel belonging to the Defence Force of Australia, or its passengers or cargo.
- (2) However, the relevant port authority and the person otherwise liable to pay a charge under this Part may enter into an agreement under which all or any of the provisions of this Part apply to the vessel, its cargo or passengers.

76 Regulations

- (1) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to charges under this Part.

- (2) In particular, the regulations may make provision for or with respect to:
- (a) the manner of payment of charges under this Part, and
 - (b) the furnishing to the relevant port authority of information relevant to the liability of any person to pay a charge under this Part, and
 - (c) the furnishing to the relevant port authority of particulars of any cargo, or any vessel, in respect of which any charges are payable under this Part, and
 - (d) ascertaining the gross tonnages of vessels, the quantity of any cargo and any other matter necessary or incidental to the calculation of the amount of any charge under this Part, and
 - (e) the detention and inspection of any vessel, and the unloading of any cargo, for any of the purposes of this Part and the regulations, and
 - (f) the exemption of any vessels, cargo or other things from this Part or any provisions of this Part.

Part 6 Pilotage

77 Definitions

- (1) In this Part:

pilotage means the conduct of a vessel by a pilot as follows:

- (a) inward pilotage, that is, the pilotage of a vessel entering into a pilotage port,
- (b) outward pilotage, that is, the pilotage of a vessel leaving a pilotage port,
- (c) harbour pilotage, that is, the pilotage of a vessel being moved within a pilotage port.

pilotage port means (subject to subsection (2)) any of the following ports:

- (a) Sydney Harbour,
- (b) Botany Bay,
- (c) Newcastle,
- (d) Port Kembla,
- (e) Yamba,
- (f) Eden.

pilotage service provider means:

- (a) in relation to pilotage services provided by a Port Corporation under an operating licence—the Port Corporation, or
 - (b) in relation to pilotage services provided by a contractor under a contract under section 81—the contractor, or
 - (c) in relation to any other pilotage services—the Minister.
- (2) The regulations may provide that any other port is a pilotage port for the purposes of this Part or that a port is no longer such a port.

78 Pilotage compulsory in pilotage ports

- (1) Pilotage is compulsory in every pilotage port.

- (2) The master of a vessel must not enter, leave or move within a pilotage port with the vessel before taking on board the pilot made available by the pilotage service provider to conduct the vessel on its movement into the port, out of the port or within the port.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (3) This section continues to apply even though a pilot has deferred pilotage under this Part.

79 Vessels exempted from compulsory pilotage

- (1) Pilotage is not compulsory in a pilotage port in respect of the following vessels:
- (a) a vessel whose master is the holder of a pilotage exemption certificate or certificate of local knowledge under the *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971* that applies to that port and vessel,
 - (b) a recreational vessel,
 - (c) a vessel less than 30 metres in length,
 - (d) a seaplane,
 - (e) a vessel of any class declared by the regulations to be an exempt vessel for the purposes of this Part,
 - (f) a particular vessel declared to be an exempt vessel for the purposes of this Part by order of the Minister given to the owner or master of the vessel.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), pilotage is compulsory in respect of a vessel (whether or not the master is the holder of a pilotage exemption certificate or certificate of local knowledge) if pilotage is declared to be compulsory by the regulations or by order of the Minister given to the owner or master of the vessel.

Note. The *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971* deals with the licensing of pilots and the issue of pilotage exemption certificates and certificates of local knowledge.

80 Pilots in pilotage ports to be provided by pilotage service provider

A person must not act as the pilot of a vessel in a pilotage port unless the person has been assigned by the pilotage service provider to act as a pilot in that pilotage port.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

81 Minister may enter into a contract for the provision of pilotage services not provided by Port Corporation

- (1) The Minister may enter into a contract with a person (a *contractor*) for the provision by that person of pilotage services at any port. Contracts may be entered into with different persons for the provision of pilotage services at different ports.
- (2) This section does not apply to pilotage services that are provided by a Port Corporation under an operating licence.
- (3) The Minister is required to call public tenders for a contract under this section.
- (4) A contract under this section must include such provisions as the Minister thinks necessary or desirable to be included for ensuring compliance with the marine legislation and the provision of the pilotage services required in the port concerned.
- (5) Without limiting subsection (1), such a contract is to:
 - (a) specify the level of pilotage services to be provided under the contract, and
 - (b) set out performance standards, and quality assurance programs, for pilotage services to be provided under the contract, and
 - (c) provide for the fixing and collection by, and payment to, the contractor of pilotage charges in accordance with Part 5, and
 - (d) specify the amount of consideration to be paid to the Minister by the contractor under the contract (such an amount may be calculated on the basis of a proportion of the pilotage charges payable to the contractor for the provision of pilotage services), and

- (e) require the contractor to keep records of the pilotage services provided by the contractor and the amounts charged and paid in respect of those services, and
- (f) empower the Minister and any person authorised by the Minister to inspect those records, and
- (g) require the contractor to provide information, as and when the Minister requires, as to the costs incurred by the contractor in providing pilotage services at the port concerned, and
- (h) empower the Minister to terminate or suspend the contract on the ground that the contractor is unable to provide pilotage services at the level referred to in paragraph (a) or has contravened the marine legislation, or on any other specified ground.

Note. This section re-enacts relevant provisions of Part 4A of the *Pilotage Act 1971* (now *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971*).

82 Deferment of pilotage generally

- (1) When a vessel is unable, or will in the opinion of the master of the vessel be unable, to leave its berth or place of anchorage in a pilotage port within 1 hour after the time stated for so leaving in the application by the owner or master for a pilot, the pilot attending may defer pilotage and cease attendance.
- (2) When a vessel is unable, or will in the opinion of the master be unable, to enter into a pilotage port, within 1 hour after the time stated for so entering in the application by the owner or master for a pilot, the pilot attending may defer pilotage and cease attendance.

83 Deferment of pilotage for safety reasons

- (1) If a pilot made available for pilotage considers that a vessel should not enter a pilotage port or should not leave its berth or place of anchorage for any reason related to marine safety, the pilot may direct the master of the vessel not to enter the pilotage port or not to leave the berth or place of anchorage pending the decision of the harbour master of the port.

- (2) The master of a vessel must comply with any such direction.
Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.
- (3) A pilot who gives any such direction may defer pilotage and cease attendance.

84 Duties of master in connection with pilotage

- (1) The master of a vessel under pilotage must:
 - (a) ensure that any order given with the master's authority by the pilot is carried out, and
 - (b) give the pilot such information as the pilot may require for the safe navigation of the vessel.
- (2) The master of a vessel must not give to a pilot who requires information for the navigation of the vessel any information that the master knows is false or misleading.
Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

85 Liability of master and owner of vessel under pilotage

- (1) A person who is employed as a pilot by the pilotage service provider and who has the conduct of a vessel is subject to the authority of the master of the vessel. The master is not relieved from responsibility for the conduct and navigation of the vessel merely because the vessel is under pilotage.
- (2) The master and the owner of a vessel being navigated under circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory are jointly and severally liable for any loss or damage caused by the vessel or by any fault of navigation of the vessel in the same manner as if pilotage were not compulsory.

86 Immunity of State, pilots, pilotage service provider and others

- (1) Neither the State, nor the Minister, nor a pilotage service provider is liable for any loss or damage that is attributable to the negligence of any person employed as a pilot by the pilotage service provider while the person is acting as a pilot.

- (2) A person employed as a pilot by the pilotage service provider is not personally liable in pecuniary damages for any loss or damage attributable to the person's negligence while the person is acting as a pilot.

Note. This section re-enacts section 28B of the *Pilotage Act 1971* (now *Marine Pilotage Licensing Act 1971*). Section 85 re-enacts section 28A of that Act.

87 Offence for pilot to endanger vessel

A pilot of a vessel who, by any wilful act or omission, endangers the vessel or its crew is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

88 Provisions to apply when vessel under pilotage at request of owner

If a vessel (not required to be under pilotage) is under pilotage at the request of its owner, this Part applies to that vessel and its master and owner for the purposes of that pilotage.

89 Regulations

The regulations may make provision for or with respect to pilotage and, in particular, for or with respect to:

- (a) the administration of the pilotage service of a pilotage service provider and the duties of pilots and other officers appointed to that service, and
- (b) the specification of when inward, outward and harbour pilotage begins and ends, and
- (c) the records and reports in connection with pilotage to be made and furnished by masters of vessels and pilots.

Part 7 Harbour masters

90 Definition of "port"

In this Part, *port* includes any particular area of navigable waters that the Minister considers requires a harbour master for the purposes of marine safety.

91 Appointment of harbour masters

- (1) The Minister may appoint a Departmental officer to be the harbour master for any port.
- (2) The Minister may appoint a member of the staff of a Port Corporation to be the harbour master for any port.
- (3) The Minister may revoke the appointment of a harbour master at any time.
- (4) A person ceases to be a harbour master on ceasing to be a Departmental officer or a member of the staff of a Port Corporation, as the case requires.
- (5) In this section, *Departmental officer* means a member of the staff of any Department administered by the Minister.

92 Appointment of persons to exercise functions of harbour masters

- (1) A harbour master may appoint any person to exercise, in relation to the port for which he or she is the harbour master, the harbour master's functions under the marine legislation. The power to make an appointment under this section is subject to any directions given to the harbour master by the Minister.
- (2) An appointment under this section may be general or may apply only to the exercise of such functions as are specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (3) A person appointed under this section has all the functions specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (4) The appointment under this section of a person to exercise any of the functions of a harbour master does not prevent that harbour master from exercising those functions.

- (5) The Minister may also appoint a person to exercise the functions of a harbour master under the marine legislation in relation to a port (whether or not a harbour master has been appointed for the port).

93 General functions of harbour master

- (1) A harbour master has, in relation to the port for which he or she is the harbour master, such functions as are conferred by the marine legislation.
- (2) The functions of a harbour master may be limited by regulation or by the Minister (in and by the instrument of appointment or by a subsequent instrument given to the harbour master).
- (3) The exercise of the functions of a harbour master are subject to any directions given from time to time to the harbour master by the Minister.

94 General powers of harbour master in relation to vessels

- (1) The harbour master of any port may direct and control the following:
 - (a) the time and manner in which any vessel may enter or leave the port,
 - (b) the navigation and other movements of any vessel within the port,
 - (c) the position where and the manner in which any vessel may anchor or be secured within the port,
 - (d) the time and manner of the taking in or discharging by any vessel within the port of cargo, stores, fuel, fresh water or water ballast,
 - (e) the securing or removal of any vessel within the port in, from or to any position as the harbour master thinks fit.
- (2) The harbour master of any port may, as a condition of allowing a vessel to be anchored or secured within a pilotage port, direct that a pilot remain on board the vessel while it is so berthed or anchored (whether or not pilotage is compulsory).

- (3) A harbour master must not give any direction under this section that would result in a contravention of any law relating to the area or vessel concerned or that would impede the proper administration of the customs or quarantine services within the port.

95 Powers of harbour master to direct dangerous vessels not to enter, or to leave, port

- (1) The harbour master of any port may give directions prohibiting the entry into, or requiring the removal from, the port of any vessel that the harbour master has reasonable cause to believe is in imminent danger of sinking in the port and causing an obstruction to navigation or is in imminent danger of causing serious damage to the marine environment or property in the port.
- (2) A harbour master is not to give a direction under this section that would endanger the life of any person on the vessel.
- (3) A direction under this section may be revoked by order of the Minister or the Supreme Court.

96 Harbour master may carry out direction

- (1) If:
- (a) there is no person on board any vessel to whom a harbour master may give a direction under this Part and there are reasonable grounds for the harbour master to act urgently without giving the direction, or
 - (b) a direction under this Part is not complied with,
- the harbour master may cause the vessel to be dealt with as required by the harbour master.
- (2) For that purpose, the harbour master (or a person authorised by the harbour master) may board a vessel and move, secure or otherwise operate the vessel.

- (3) The Minister may recover from the master or owner of a vessel referred to in subsection (1) as a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction the reasonable charges and expenses incurred in the exercise of the harbour master's functions under that subsection.

97 Offence for failing to comply with direction, or obstructing, harbour master

- (1) The master of a vessel who, without reasonable excuse, refuses or fails to comply with any direction given under this Part to the master by a harbour master is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (2) A person who, without reasonable excuse, obstructs a harbour master (or any person acting under the direction of a harbour master) exercising any function under this Part is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty (subsection (2)): 50 penalty units.

98 Identity cards

- (1) The Minister is required to give an identity card to each harbour master the Minister appoints.
- (2) The person who appoints another person to exercise the functions of a harbour master is required to give an identity card to that other person.
- (3) An identity card is to be in a form approved by the Minister.
- (4) A harbour master or person exercising the functions of a harbour master is required to produce his or her identity card if requested to do so by an affected person in the course of exercising functions under the marine legislation. This subsection does not apply if the harbour master or person gives a direction by radio or other communication device.
- (5) A person who has been issued with an identity card must return it to the Minister, or the person who provided it, on demand.

Maximum penalty (subsection (5)): 10 penalty units.

99 Protection from liability

- (1) A harbour master, and any other person exercising the functions of a harbour master, are not personally liable for any act or omission done in good faith for the purposes of the marine legislation.
- (2) If subsection (1) prevents liability attaching to a harbour master or other person, the liability attaches instead to the State.

Part 8 Legal proceedings

100 Penalty notices

- (1) A law enforcement officer may serve a penalty notice on a person if it appears to the officer that the person has committed an offence against the marine legislation, being an offence prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) A penalty notice is a notice to the effect that, if the person served does not wish to have the matter determined by a court, the person may pay, within the time and to the person specified in the notice, the penalty prescribed by the regulations for the offence if dealt with under this section.
- (3) A penalty notice may be served personally or by post.
- (4) If the amount of the penalty prescribed for an alleged offence is paid under this section, no person is liable to any further proceedings for the alleged offence.
- (5) Payment under this section is not an admission of liability for the purposes of, and does not affect or prejudice, any civil claim, action or proceeding arising out of the same occurrence.
- (6) The regulations may:
 - (a) prescribe an offence for the purposes of this section by specifying the offence or by referring to the provision creating the offence, and
 - (b) prescribe the amount of penalty for an offence if dealt with under this section, and
 - (c) prescribe different amounts of penalty for different offences or classes of offences.
- (7) The amount of penalty prescribed under this section for an offence may not exceed the maximum amount of penalty that could be imposed for the offence by a court.
- (8) This section does not limit the operation of any other provision of, or made under, this or any other Act relating to proceedings which may be taken in respect of offences.

- (9) In this section, *law enforcement officer* means a police officer or, in relation to a particular offence, a person belonging to a class of persons specified in the regulations in relation to that offence.

101 Proceedings for offences

Proceedings for an offence against this Act or the regulations are to be dealt with summarily by a Local Court constituted by a Magistrate sitting alone.

102 Time within which proceedings may be commenced

Despite the *Justices Act 1902* or any other Act, proceedings for an offence under this Act or the regulations may be commenced not later than 2 years after the date alleged to be the date on which the offence was committed.

103 Persons who may bring proceedings

Proceedings for an offence against the marine legislation may be brought by any person, including a police officer or a member of the staff of the Waterways Authority.

104 Offences by corporations

- (1) If a corporation contravenes, whether by act or omission, any provision of this Act or the regulations, each person who is a director of the corporation or who is concerned in the management of the corporation is taken to have contravened the same provision if the person knowingly authorised or permitted the contravention.
- (2) A person may be proceeded against and convicted under a provision pursuant to this section whether or not the corporation has been proceeded against or been convicted under that provision.
- (3) Nothing in this section affects any liability imposed on a corporation for an offence committed by the corporation against this Act or the regulations.

Part 9 Miscellaneous

105 Port boundaries

- (1) The regulations may describe the boundaries of any port or area of water.
- (2) Any such description of a port may include an area of water adjacent to the entrance to the port.
- (3) A reference in the marine legislation to a specified port or area of water is, if the boundaries of that port or area have been described by the regulations and unless the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires, a reference to that port or area with boundaries as so described.

106 Act binds Crown

This Act binds the Crown in right of New South Wales and, in so far as the legislative power of Parliament permits, the Crown in all its other capacities.

107 Combined financial and other reporting by Authority, Ministerial Corporation and Minister's Department

- (1) The reports of relevant marine agencies under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984* or the *Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985* may be combined, but must include a separate report on the financial transactions and activities of each of them.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the relevant marine agencies are the Waterways Authority, the Ministerial Corporation and any Department administered by the Minister.

108 Service of documents

- (1) A document may be served on the Ministerial Corporation or Waterways Authority by leaving it at, or by sending it by post to:
 - (a) the office of the Ministerial Corporation or Authority, or
 - (b) if the Ministerial Corporation or Authority has more than one office—any one of its offices.

- (2) Nothing in this section affects the operation of any provision of a law or of the rules of a court authorising a document to be served on the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority in any other manner.
- (3) In this section, a reference to the Ministerial Corporation includes, in respect of matters arising under the marine legislation, a reference to the Minister.

109 Recovery or waiver of money due

- (1) Any charge, fee or money due to the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority may be recovered by it as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (2) Any such charge, fee or money may be waived or refunded (in whole or in part) by the Ministerial Corporation or the Waterways Authority.
- (3) In this section, a reference to the Ministerial Corporation includes, in respect of matters arising under the marine legislation, a reference to the Minister.

110 Regulations

- (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.
- (2) A regulation may create an offence punishable by a penalty for a breach of the regulation not exceeding 100 penalty units.
- (3) The regulations may incorporate by reference, wholly or in part and with or without modification, any standards, rules, codes, specifications or methods, as in force at a particular time or as in force from time to time, prescribed or published by an authority or body (whether or not it is a New South Wales authority or body).

111 Repeals

- (1) The Acts specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 are repealed.

- (2) All regulations, by-laws, rules and other instruments made under any such Acts (including those specified in Part 2 of Schedule 3) are repealed.

112 Amendment of Acts

The Acts specified in Schedule 4 are amended as set out in that Schedule.

113 Savings, transitional and other provisions

Schedule 5 has effect.

114 Review of Act

- (1) The Minister is to review this Act to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.
- (2) The review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 5 years from the date of assent to this Act.
- (3) A report of the outcome of the review is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 12 months after the end of the period of 5 years.

Schedule 1 **Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities of MSB and its subsidiaries**

(Sections 5, 16, 17, 32, 45)

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

instrument means an instrument (other than this Act) that creates, modifies or extinguishes rights or liabilities (or would do so if lodged, filed or registered in accordance with any law), and includes any judgment, order or process of a court.

2 Application and interpretation

- (1) This Schedule applies to the following orders under this Act:
 - (a) an order under section 16 transferring assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary to a Port Corporation,
 - (b) an order under section 17 transferring assets, rights or liabilities of a Port Corporation to the Ministerial Corporation or to any person on behalf of the State,
 - (c) an order under section 32 (3) transferring assets, rights or liabilities of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary to a person on behalf of the State,
 - (d) an order under section 45 transferring assets, rights or liabilities to the Waterways Authority or to the Ministerial Corporation.
- (2) This Schedule also applies to the transfer of assets, rights and liabilities to the Ministerial Corporation by the operation of section 32 and so applies as if that section were an order to which this Schedule applies taking effect when that section takes effect.
- (3) In this Schedule, the body or person from whom any assets, rights or liabilities are so transferred is called the *transferor* and the body or person to whom they are being so transferred is called the *transferee*.

3 Vesting of undertaking in transferee

When any assets, rights or liabilities are transferred by an order to which this Schedule applies, the following provisions have effect (subject to the order):

- (a) those assets of the transferor vest in the transferee by virtue of this Schedule and without the need for any conveyance, transfer, assignment or assurance,
- (b) those rights or liabilities of the transferor become by virtue of this Schedule the rights or liabilities of the transferee,
- (c) all proceedings relating to those assets, rights or liabilities commenced before the transfer by or against the transferor or a predecessor of the transferor and pending immediately before the transfer are taken to be proceedings pending by or against the transferee,
- (d) any act, matter or thing done or omitted to be done in relation to those assets, rights or liabilities before the transfer by, to or in respect of the transferor is (to the extent that that act, matter or thing has any force or effect) taken to have been done or omitted by, to or in respect of the transferee,
- (e) a reference in any Act, in any instrument made under any Act or in any document of any kind to the transferor or a predecessor of the transferor is (to the extent that it relates to those assets, rights or liabilities but subject to the regulations or other provisions under Schedule 5), to be read as, or as including, a reference to the transferee.

4 Operation of Schedule

- (1) The operation of this Schedule is not to be regarded:
 - (a) as a breach of contract or confidence or otherwise as a civil wrong, or
 - (b) as a breach of any contractual provision prohibiting, restricting or regulating the assignment or transfer of assets, rights or liabilities, or

- (c) as giving rise to any remedy by a party to an instrument, or as causing or permitting the termination of any instrument, because of a change in the beneficial or legal ownership of any asset, right or liability.
- (2) The operation of this Schedule is not to be regarded as an event of default under any contract or other instrument.
- (3) No attornment to the transferee by a lessee from the transferor is required.
- (4) The operation of this Schedule includes the making of an order to which this Schedule applies.

5 Date of vesting

An order to which this Schedule applies takes effect on the date specified in the order.

6 Consideration for vesting

An order to which this Schedule applies may specify the consideration on which the order is made and the value or values at which the assets, rights or liabilities are transferred.

7 Stamp duty

Stamp duty is not chargeable in respect of:

- (a) the transfer of assets, rights and liabilities to a Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority, the Ministerial Corporation or other person by an order to which this Schedule applies, or
- (b) anything certified by the Minister as having been done in consequence of such a transfer (for example, the transfer or registration of an interest in land).

8 Transfer of interests in land

- (1) An order to which this Schedule applies may transfer an interest in respect of land vested in the MSB or any MSB subsidiary without transferring the whole of the interests of the MSB or subsidiary in that land.

- (2) If the interest transferred is not a separate interest, the order operates to create the interest transferred in such terms as are specified in the order.
- (3) This clause does not limit any other provision of this Schedule.

9 Determinations of Minister for purposes of orders

For the purposes of any order to which this Schedule applies, a determination by the Minister as to the port to which any assets, rights or liabilities relate, whether any land comprises the bed of the waters of a port or whether any assets, rights or liabilities are port safety assets, rights or liabilities is conclusive.

10 Confirmation of vesting in Ministerial Corporation

- (1) The Minister may, by notice in writing, confirm the transfer to the Ministerial Corporation of particular assets, rights or liabilities by the operation of section 32.
- (2) Such a notice is evidence of that transfer.

11 Successor of MSB or MSB subsidiary

The Ministerial Corporation is taken for all purposes, including the rules of private international law, to be the successor of the MSB and each MSB subsidiary (except in respect of assets, rights and liabilities transferred under this Act to any other body or person).

Schedule 2 Transfer of former MSB Staff (other than senior executives)

(Section 5)

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

former MSB staff means the members of staff of the MSB immediately before the dissolution of the MSB (other than the holder of a chief executive or senior executive position under Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988*).

marine administration Department means the Department under the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* (or branch) that is responsible to the Minister for the purposes of the administration of the marine legislation.

temporary or casual MSB staff means any former MSB staff who were engaged in a position for a nominated period or for a nominated project or activity which is limited in time or who were engaged on an irregular day-to-day basis on hourly hire.

the MSB enterprise agreements means:

- (a) the enterprise agreement which was entered into by the MSB with respect to all its staff (other than executive service officers and pilots) and which took effect on 13 December 1993 (as in force on the dissolution of the MSB), and
- (b) the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority Assistant Harbour Master/Marine Pilots Enterprise Agreement, 1995 (as in force on the dissolution of the MSB), and
- (c) the MSB Hunter Ports Authority Marine Pilots Enterprise Agreement, 1995 (as in force on the dissolution of the MSB),

or, if any such agreement expires or is replaced before the dissolution of the MSB, any new enterprise agreement entered into by the MSB or an MSB subsidiary to replace that agreement (as so in force).

2 Transfer of former MSB staff to Port Corporations

- (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, provide that such former MSB staff as are specified or described in the order are transferred to a Port Corporation specified in the order.
- (2) A person who is the subject of an order under this clause is to be regarded for all purposes as having become an employee of the Port Corporation, in accordance with the terms of the order, on the day the MSB is dissolved.

3 Transfer of former MSB staff to Waterways Authority

- (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, provide that such former MSB staff as are specified or described in the order are transferred to the Waterways Authority.
- (2) A person who is the subject of an order under this clause is to be regarded for all purposes as having become an employee of the Waterways Authority, in accordance with the terms of the order, on the day the MSB is dissolved.

4 Transfer of remainder of former MSB staff to Public Service

- (1) Any former MSB staff (other than temporary or casual MSB staff) who are not transferred under this Schedule to a Port Corporation or to the Waterways Authority are entitled to be appointed to a position in the Public Service in accordance with this clause.
- (2) The Governor may, on the recommendation of the Minister, by order published in the Gazette, transfer any such former MSB staff to a position in the Public Service (being a position in the marine administration Department).
- (3) A person who is the subject of an order under this clause is to be regarded for all purposes as having become an officer of the Public Service, in accordance with the terms of the order, on the day the MSB is dissolved.
- (4) Any former MSB staff (being temporary or casual MSB staff) who are not transferred under this Schedule to a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority are taken to be

transferred to temporary employment under section 38 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* in the marine administration Department.

- (5) This clause has effect despite anything in the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* and a person transferred under this clause is to be regarded as having been transferred in accordance with any relevant provision of that Act.

5 Preservation of MSB enterprise agreements

- (1) Despite the dissolution of the MSB and the MSB subsidiaries, the MSB enterprise agreements continue in force for the terms of the agreements, but subject to this clause.
- (2) The MSB enterprise agreements apply to the staff of Port Corporations or the Waterways Authority as follows:
- (a) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Hunter Ports Authority apply to the staff of the Newcastle Port Corporation,
 - (b) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority apply to the staff of the Port Kembla Port Corporation,
 - (c) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Sydney Ports Authority apply to the staff of the Sydney Ports Corporation,
 - (d) the provisions of the agreements applying to staff employed within the MSB Waterways Authority apply to the staff of the Waterways Authority,
 - (e) the agreements so apply to the staff of a Port Corporation or Waterways Authority transferred under this Schedule or employed by the Port Corporation or Waterways Authority during the term of the agreement.
- (3) The MSB enterprise agreements apply to the marine administration Department as follows:
- (a) the provisions of the agreements applying to a member of staff of the MSB who is transferred under this Schedule to that Department apply to that member of staff,

- (b) the provisions so apply only while the person remains a member of the staff of that Department (whether or not the person is appointed to another position on that staff),
- (c) the agreements do not apply to any other staff of that Department.

Nothing in this subclause prevents a member of staff who is so transferred being employed on the same conditions as the other members of staff of that Department if those conditions are no less favourable than the conditions applicable under the agreements.

- (4) The Port Corporations, the Waterways Authority and the Public Employment Industrial Relations Authority (and their successors) are, for the purposes of this clause, taken to be parties to the MSB enterprise agreements.

6 Preservation of remuneration and other conditions of employment on transfer from MSB

Except as otherwise provided by this Schedule and the regulations, the terms and conditions on which former MSB staff become employed on being transferred under this Schedule (including as to remuneration and duration of employment) are those on which they were employed by the MSB immediately before its dissolution. This clause does not affect anything duly done after the dissolution of the MSB with respect to the employment of the former MSB staff.

7 Preservation of leave and other entitlements for previous service of MSB staff and mobility entitlements of former MSB staff for future service with one or more new employers

- (1) Continuous service of former MSB staff with the MSB and with one or more new employers is to be taken, for all purposes, as service with their current new employer.
- (2) This clause applies, without limiting its operation, for the purpose of the accrual of leave with the new employer and for the purpose of any entitlements to redundancy payments from the current new employer.

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- (3) In particular, former MSB staff retain, on transfer under this Schedule (or on subsequent transfer) to a new employer, any rights to annual leave, long service leave and sick leave accrued or accruing in their previous employment with the MSB or a new employer.
 - (4) A person's entitlement to any such leave is to be calculated:
 - (a) for such part of any period during which that leave accrued or was accruing as occurred before the day of transfer to the new employer—at the rate for the time being applicable to the person before that day (as an employee of the MSB or of the former new employer), and
 - (b) for such part of the period as occurred after the day of transfer to the current employer—at the rate for the time being applicable to the person after that day (as an employee of the current new employer).
 - (5) For the purposes of this clause, a *new employer* is any Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority and the marine administration Department.

8 Applications for transfers by former MSB staff after dissolution of MSB

- (1) This clause applies, in the period of 3 years after the dissolution of the MSB, to the filling of any vacant position in a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority if the applicants eligible to apply for the vacancy are limited to the staff of that Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority, as the case may be.
- (2) Any former MSB staff who are transferred under this Schedule are eligible to apply for a vacancy to which this clause applies as if they were members of the staff of the relevant Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority.
- (3) This clause does not apply to former MSB staff who are no longer employed by a Port Corporation or by the Waterways Authority or in the Public Service.

Note. Entitlements to superannuation for former MSB staff are preserved by amendments made in Schedule 4 that declare the Port Corporations to be employers for the purposes of the State's superannuation schemes.

9 No payment out on transfer or dual benefits

- (1) This clause applies to a person who becomes, because of this Schedule, a member of the staff of a Port Corporation, a member of the staff of the Waterways Authority or an officer of the Public Service.
- (2) A person to whom this clause applies is not entitled to receive any payment or other benefit merely because the person ceases to be a member of the staff of the MSB.
- (3) A person to whom this clause applies is not entitled to claim, both under this Act and under any other Act, dual benefits of the same kind for the same period of service.

Schedule 3 Repeals

(Section 111)

Part 1 Acts

Marine Administration Act 1989 No 93

Marine Port Charges Act 1989 No 143

Navigation and Other Acts (Validation) Act 1983 No 115

Seamen's Act 1898 No 46

Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900 (1901 No 1)

Sydney Harbour Trust Land Titles Act 1909 No 7

Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act 1903 No 16

Sydney Harbour Trust (Rating) Act 1919 No 21

Sydney Harbour Trust (Reclamations and Leasing) Act
1905 No 37

Part 2 Regulations

Marine Administration Act 1989

Marine Administration Regulation 1989

Maritime Services (Recruitment and Promotion to Officer
Positions) Regulation 1985

Schedule 4 Amendment of Acts

(Section 112)

4.1 Attachment of Wages Limitation Act 1957 No 28

Schedule

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."
Insert instead "Waterways Authority."

4.2 Capital Debt Charges Act 1957 No 1

Schedule

Omit the matter relating to The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales.

4.3 Clean Waters Act 1970 No 78

Section 5 Definitions

Omit "the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales," from the definition of *statutory authority*.

4.4 Commercial Vessels Act 1979 No 41

[1] Section 4B

Insert after section 4A:

4B Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995

This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

[2] Section 5 Definitions

Omit the definition of *Board*.

[3] Section 5

Insert in alphabetical order the following definitions:

officer of the Minister means any delegate of the Minister or any officer of such a delegate.

Secretary of the Minister means the Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority or other prescribed officer of the Minister.

[4] The whole Act

Omit "Board" and "Board's" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Minister" and "Minister's" respectively.

[5] Sections 14 (2), 30N, 34, 49 (1)

Omit "its" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the Minister's".

[6] Sections 18 (2), 30H (3), 30I (4), 31 (3)

Omit "it" and "its" wherever occurring.
Insert "the Minister" and "the Minister's" respectively.

[7] Sections 19 (2), 22 (6), 30H (4), 30J (1) and (4), 30L (2), 40 (3)

Omit "it" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the Minister".

[8] Section 29 (3)

Omit "it" where firstly occurring. Insert instead "the Minister".

4.5 Electricity Commission Act 1950 No 22

Section 3 Definitions

Omit "the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales," from the definition of *Statutory body* or *Statutory body representing the Crown* in section 3 (1).

4.6 Environmental Offences and Penalties Act 1989 No 150

[1] Section 13 Consent to institution of proceedings

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" and "the Board" wherever occurring from section 13 (5) (b).

Insert instead "the Waterways Authority".

[2] Schedule 2 Penalty notices

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" from clause 2 (e) of Part 1.
Insert instead "the Waterways Authority".

4.7 First State Superannuation Act 1992 No 100

Schedule 1 Employers

Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from Part 1.
Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation
Port Kembla Port Corporation
Sydney Ports Corporation
Waterways Authority

4.8 Fisheries Management Act 1994 No 38

Section 198 Application of Division

Omit section 198 (c), insert instead:

- (c) on land vested in or under the control of the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation, if the work is for the passage or accommodation of merchant vessels (including the maintenance of dredged navigation channels).

4.9 Government and Related Employees Appeal Tribunal Act 1980 No 39

[1] Schedule 4 Employing authorities

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

[2] Schedule 4

Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority.

4.10 Government Pricing Tribunal Act 1992 No 39

[1] Section 4 Government monopoly services

Insert after section 4 (4):

- (5) To avoid doubt the service for which a navigation service charge under Part 5 of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995* is payable is capable of being declared to be a government monopoly service. The relevant port authority (within the meaning of that Part) is taken to be the supplier of that service.

[2] Schedule 1 Government Agencies for which Tribunal has standing reference

Insert at the end of the Schedule:

Port Corporations or other relevant port authorities within the meaning of Part 5 of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*

4.11 Impounding Act 1993 No 31

[1] Dictionary

Omit the matter relating to the Maritime Services Board from the definition of *area of operations*.

Insert instead:

- * in the case of an impounding officer appointed by the Minister for Ports, any area owned by or under the control of the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation or the Waterways Authority,

[2] Dictionary

Omit "Maritime Services Board" from the definition of *impounding authority*.

Insert instead "Minister for Ports".

4.12 Justices Act 1902 No 27

Section 100I Definitions

Insert in alphabetical order of Acts in paragraph (a) of the definition of *penalty notice* in section 100I (1):

Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995, section 100.

4.13 Local Government Act 1993 No 30

[1] Section 600 Rebates in respect of certain land vested in public bodies

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" from section 600 (9).
Insert instead "the Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation, the Waterways Authority, a Port Corporation within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*".

[2] Section 742 Dispute resolution

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" from section 742 (7).

4.14 Marine Pollution Act 1987 No 299

[1] Section 3 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *Board*, *harbour master* and *inspector*.
Insert in alphabetical order:

harbour master has the same meaning it has in the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

inspector means a person who is appointed in writing by the Minister to be an inspector for the purposes of this Act.

[2] Section 3

Omit "Board" from the definition of *pleasure vessel*.
Insert instead "Minister".

[3] Section 5A

Insert after section 5:

5A Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995

This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

[4] Section 6 Delegation

Omit section 6 (2).

[5] Sections 8 (2), 10, 18 (2), 20, 28, 32, 36, 37, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 58 (d), 59 (1), 60

Omit "Board" and "Board's" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Minister" and "Minister's" respectively.

[6] Section 45

Omit section 45 (5) (b).

[7] Section 55

Omit section 55 (3).

[8] Section 58

Omit "the Secretary to, or the General Manager of, the Board" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "the Minister or other prescribed officer".

4.15 Maritime Services Act 1935 No 47

[1] Section 2 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *Board*, *Fund*, *Harbour master*, *Secretary of the Board*.

[2] Section 2

Insert in alphabetical order the following definition:

Harbour master has the same meaning as it has in the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

[3] Section 2

Omit subsections (1A) and (1B).

[4] Section 2A

Omit section 2A. Insert instead:

**2A Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act
1995**

This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and
Waterways Management Act 1995*.

[5] Section 2B

Insert after section 2A:

2B Transfer of Maritime Services Board's functions

- (1) On the dissolution of the Maritime Services Board the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Maritime Services Board under this Act become the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Minister.
- (2) A reference in this Act to the Board is taken to be a reference to the Minister.
- (3) A reference in this Act to an officer of the Board is taken to be a reference to a delegate of the Minister or any officer of such a delegate.

[6] Part 3, Divisions 1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B and 3BA (sections 5–13JD)

Omit the Divisions (except sections 13D–13G).

[7] Section 13K General vesting of land

Omit the section.

[8] Section 13L Granting of leases and licences

Omit the section.

[9] Section 13W Powers of harbour master

Omit the section.

[10] Section 13WA Information regarding harbour master's directions etc

Omit "under section 13W" from section 13WA (1).

[11] Section 13X Board may require work to be carried out on vessel

Omit "any port to which section 13W applies".
Insert instead "any port used by trading vessels".

[12] Section 13Y Obstruction

Omit "sections 13W and 13X". Insert instead "section 13X".

[13] Section 13YA Liability of owners of vessels etc for damage to Board's property

Omit "any port to which section 13W applies".
Insert instead "any port used by trading vessels".

[14] Section 36A Appointment of persons to exercise powers etc of harbour master

Omit the section.

[15] Section 38 Regulations

Omit "Board, with the approval of the Governor," wherever occurring from section 38 (1), (2) and (2A).
Insert instead "Governor".

[16] Section 38 (2B)

Omit "Board may, with the approval of the Governor,".
Insert instead "Governor may".

[17] Section 38 (5), (6)

Insert after section 38 (4A):

- (5) A power to make a regulation under this section in respect of anything vested in or controlled by the Board includes such a power in respect of anything vested in or controlled by a Port Corporation or the Waterways Authority within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.
- (6) A regulation made by the Maritime Services Board under this section and in force immediately before the commencement of this subsection is taken to have been made by the Governor.

[18] Schedules 3–5

Omit the Schedules.

4.16 Navigation Act 1901 No 60

[1] Section 3 Definitions

Omit the definition of *Board*.

[2] Section 3

Insert in alphabetical order the following definition:

officer of the Minister means any delegate of the Minister or any officer of such a delegate.

[3] Section 4B

Insert after section 4A:

4B Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995

This Act is subject to the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

[4] Section 5 Act not to affect Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900

Omit the section.

[5] The whole Act

Omit "Board" and "Board's" wherever occurring.

Insert instead "Minister" and "Minister's" respectively.

[6] Sections 9 (1), 16, 111 (2), 169

Omit "it" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the Minister".

[7] Sections 13, 20, 98

Omit "it" and "its" wherever occurring.

Insert instead "the Minister" and "the Minister's" respectively.

[8] Section 21 (1)

Omit "its". Insert instead "the Minister's".

[9] Section 141

Omit subsection (4).

[10] Section 142

Omit subsection (3).

[11] Section 158A

Insert after section 158:

158A Record of employees under 16 years on ships

- (1) The master of a ship must record the names and dates of birth of all persons under the age of 16 years who are employed on the vessel.
- (2) That record must be maintained on a separate register, or in the ship's articles.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

Note. This section continues section 28A of the *Seamen's Act 1898* which gives effect to Article 4 of ILO Convention No 58 (Convention Fixing the Minimum Age for the Admission of Children to Employment at Sea). Provisions restricting employment of children under the age of 15 years (as provided under Article 2) are contained in Part 4 to the *Children (Care and Protection) Act 1987*.

4.17 New South Wales Retirement Benefits Act 1972 No 70

Schedule 2

Omit the matter relating to The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales.

4.18 Noise Control Act 1975 No 35

[1] Long title

Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales".
Insert instead "Waterways Authority".

[2] Section 4 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *Maritime Services Board* and *navigable waters*.

Insert instead in alphabetical order:

navigable waters means navigable waters within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*.

[3] Sections 39, 44, 50, 58, 74, 77

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" and "that Board" wherever occurring.

Insert instead "the Waterways Authority".

4.19 Pilotage Act 1971 No 56

[1] Long title

Omit "the pilotage of ships and".

[2] Section 1 Short title and commencement

Omit "Pilotage" in section 1 (1).

Insert instead "Marine Pilotage Licensing".

[3] Section 3 Repeal, savings and amendment

Omit section 3 (3).

[4] Section 4 Definitions

Omit the definitions of *approved contractor*, *Board*, *Director-General*, *harbour-master*, *pilotage port* and *secretary*.

[5] Section 4

Insert the following definition:

Director-General means the Department Head of the Department or Administrative Office responsible to the Minister for the administration of this Act.

[6] Section 4 (2)–(4)

Omit the subsections.

[7] Section 5

Omit the section.

[8] Section 7 Granting of licences and certificates

Insert after subsection (1):

(1A) A certificate of local knowledge may only be issued to a person who holds a certificate of competency under the *Commercial Vessels Act 1979*.

[9] Section 14 Prohibition against acting as pilot

Omit subsection (2).

[10] Part 3 Pilotage

Omit the Part (sections 15–29).

[11] Part 4A Approved contractors for pilotage services

Omit the Part (sections 34A–34D).

[12] Section 47 Effect and implementation of decision of Board of Review

Omit "The Board" from subsection (2).
Insert instead "The Minister".

[13] Section 47 (3)

Omit "Board" where firstly occurring.
Insert instead "Minister".

[14] Section 50 Disclosure of confidential information

Omit "Board, of approved contractor" from the definition of *confidential report* in subsection (2).
Insert instead "the Minister, the pilotage service provider or".

[15] Section 50 (2), definition of prescribed person

Omit paragraphs (a) and (a1). Insert instead:

- (a) a director, officer or employee of a pilotage service provider,
- (a1) the Director-General or his or her other delegate,

[16] Section 50A Delegation by Director-General

Omit paragraphs (a) and (b).
Insert instead:

- (a) a public servant, or

[17] Section 51 Recovery of penalties

Omit subsection (1).

[18] Section 52 Regulations

Omit subsection (1) (b) and (e).

[19] Section 52 (1) (f)

Omit "officers or employees of the Board or".

[20] Section 53 Exemption from compliance with regulations

Omit "Board" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Minister".

4.20 Pipelines Act 1967 No 90

[1] Section 3 Definitions

Omit "the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales," from the definition of *statutory body representing the Crown* in section 3 (1).

[2] Section 5C Constitution of pipeline committees

Omit "Secretary of The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from section 5C (2) (f).
Insert instead "Minister for Ports".

4.21 Pollution Control Act 1970 No 95

[1] Section 27 Proof of certain matters not required

Omit "the General Manager or any officer or employee of the Maritime Services Board" from section 27 (1) (c3).
Insert instead "any officer or employee of the Waterways Authority".

[2] Section 27A Evidence

Omit "an officer or employee of the Maritime Services Board authorised by the General Manager of that Board to sign it" from section 27A (1) (b).

Insert instead "any officer or employee of the Waterways Authority".

[3] Section 27A (3) (i)

Omit "Maritime Services Board".

Insert instead "Waterways Authority".

**4.22 Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Act
1987 No 33**

Schedule 1 Authorities

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority.

Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation.

4.23 Public Authorities Superannuation Act 1985 No 41

Schedule 3 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales." from Part 2.

4.24 Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 No 152

Schedule 2 Statutory bodies

Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority.

Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation.

**4.25 Public Sector Executives Superannuation Act 1989
No 106**

Schedule 1 Additional employers

Insert in alphabetical order:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

4.26 Public Sector Management Act 1988 No 33

[1] Schedule 3 Declared Authorities

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

Insert in alphabetical order:

Waterways Authority.

[2] **Schedule 3A Chief executive positions**
Omit "Chief Executive of the Maritime Services Board" from Part 3.

[3] **Schedule 3A**
Insert in Part 2 in alphabetical order of offices:
Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority

[4] **Schedule 3B Senior executive positions**
Omit the heading "Maritime Services Board" and all positions under that heading.

4.27 Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948 No 20

[1] **Section 3 Works within areas vested in Maritime Services Board**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" wherever occurring.
Insert instead "Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation".

[2] **Section 4 Construction etc of work to which this Act extends**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from section 4 (9).
Insert instead "Minister for Ports".

[3] **Section 22A Definitions**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales—that Board" from the definition of *Constructing Authority*.
Insert instead "Marine Ministerial Holding Corporation or a Port Corporation (within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*)—the Minister for Ports".

[4] **Section 23 Construction of works in navigable waters**
Omit "Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" and "said Board".
Insert instead in each case "Minister for Ports".

4.28 State Authorities Non-contributory Superannuation Act 1987 No 212

Schedule 1 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from Part 1.

Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

4.29 State Authorities Superannuation Act 1987 No 211

Schedule 1 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from Part 1.

Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

4.30 State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 No 165

Section 53 Offence to operate rescue unit without accreditation

Omit "the Maritime Services Board" from section 53 (3) (b).

Insert instead "a Port Corporation (within the meaning of the *Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995*), the Waterways Authority".

4.31 State Public Service Superannuation Act 1985 No 45

Schedule 3 Employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales."

4.32 Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 No 146

Section 12 Machinery provisions regarding repeal

Omit section 12 (6).

4.33 Superannuation Act 1916 No 28

Schedule 3 List of employers

Omit "The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales" from Part 1.

Insert instead:

Newcastle Port Corporation

Port Kembla Port Corporation

Sydney Ports Corporation

Waterways Authority

Schedule 5 Savings, transitional and other provisions

(Section 113)

Part 1 Regulations

1 Regulations

- (1) The regulations may contain provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of this Act.
- (2) Any such savings or transitional provision may include the interpretation of references to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary, to any director or employee of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary or to an Act repealed by this Act or any provision of such an Act.
- (3) Any such savings or transitional provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect on the date of assent to this Act or a later date.
- (4) To the extent to which any such savings or transitional provision takes effect on a date that is earlier than the date of its publication in the Gazette, the provision does not operate so as:
 - (a) to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State, a Port Corporation, the MSB, any MSB subsidiary or any authority of the State), the rights of that person existing before the date of its publication, or
 - (b) to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State, a Port Corporation, the MSB, any MSB subsidiary or any authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication.

Part 2 Provisions consequent on enactment of this Act

2 Directors and senior executives of MSB and its subsidiaries to vacate office

- (1) A person who, immediately before the dissolution of the MSB, held office as a director of the MSB:

- (a) ceases to hold that office, and
 - (b) is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that office.
- (2) A person who, immediately before the dissolution of any MSB subsidiary, held office as a director of the subsidiary:
- (a) ceases to hold that office, and
 - (b) is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that office.
- (3) A person who, immediately before the dissolution of the MSB, was a member of staff of the MSB and held an executive position under Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* (including the Chief Executive of the MSB or the Managing Director of any MSB subsidiary):
- (a) ceases to hold that position, and
 - (b) except as provided by subclause (4), is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that position.
- (4) Part 2A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* applies to a person who so ceases to hold an executive position as if the person had been removed from that position under section 42Q (1) of that Act. If the person is not immediately engaged in a Port Corporation, the Waterways Authority, the Public Service or a public sector agency, the person is taken to be an unattached officer in the Public Service under section 42Q (2) (a) of that Act until such time as the person is so engaged, the declaration is duly revoked under that Act, or the person's period of appointment with the MSB ends, whichever first occurs.

3 MSB or subsidiary as consent or concurring authority under planning instruments

- (1) A reference in any environmental planning instrument or development consent or other instrument under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to the MSB or any MSB subsidiary as the consent authority, or as an

authority whose approval or concurrence is to be obtained or as an authority which is to be consulted, in respect of any development is to be read as a reference to the Minister.

- (2) This clause is subject to the regulations under clause 1.

4 Pending environmental impact statements

- (1) If, before the commencement of this clause:
- (a) the Director of Planning has notified the MSB or any MSB subsidiary of requirements as to the form and content of a proposed environmental impact statement or any other matter to be attended to by or on behalf of the MSB or MSB subsidiary in accordance with Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, or
 - (b) the MSB or any MSB subsidiary, or a person on its behalf, has commenced the preparation of an environmental impact statement under that Part, or
 - (c) an environmental impact statement has been prepared by or on behalf of the MSB or any MSB subsidiary under that Part,

that Part applies in relation to the activity concerned as if the MSB or MSB subsidiary had continued in existence and the Minister were the MSB or MSB subsidiary.

- (2) This clause is subject to the regulations under clause 1.

5 Abolition of Maritime Services Board Fund

- (1) The Maritime Services Board Fund established under the *Marine Administration Act 1989* is abolished on the dissolution of the MSB.
- (2) Any money standing to the credit of that Fund that becomes an asset of the Waterways Authority by the operation of this Act is payable into the Waterways Authority Fund established under this Act.

6 Special provisions relating to MSB land in Sydney Harbour

- (1) This clause applies to any land that, immediately before its transfer under this Act to the Ministerial Corporation, a Port Corporation or any other person or body, was vested in the MSB pursuant to the *Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900*.
- (2) Land to which this clause applies is freed and discharged from any trusts, restrictions or other provisions affecting that land, or any part of it, arising under the *Sydney Harbour Trust Act 1900*.
- (3) In particular, the land is freed and discharged from:
 - (a) the trust arising under section 27 of that Act that it is vested in the MSB upon trust for the purposes of that Act, and
 - (b) the restriction arising under section 28 of that Act that land withdrawn from the MSB vests in the persons who would have been entitled to it as if that Act had not been passed.

7 Land tax exemption

The reference to the Maritime Services Board in Schedule 1 (Public Authorities) to the *Land Tax Management Regulation 1992* is taken to be a reference to the Ministerial Corporation and the Waterways Authority.

8 MSB financial accounts before dissolution

For the purposes of the application to the MSB or an MSB subsidiary of section 43A of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (General audit of former statutory bodies), the Ministerial Corporation is taken to be the successor to the MSB or an MSB subsidiary.

9 Acting board of directors on establishment of Port Corporations

- (1) This clause applies if, on the establishment of a Port Corporation, no directors of the board of the Port Corporation have been appointed in accordance with the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.

- (2) Until directors are first so appointed, the persons who were the appointed directors of the relevant MSB subsidiary ports authority are appointed by this clause to act as directors of the Port Corporation. While so acting they have all the functions of a director and are taken to be the directors of the Port Corporation.
- (3) The Minister may remove any such acting director from office at any time.
- (4) Any such acting directors cease to hold office when the first directors of the Port Corporation are appointed in accordance with the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.
- (5) For the purposes of this clause, *the relevant MSB port authority* is:
 - (a) in the case of Newcastle Port Corporation—the MSB Hunter Ports Authority, and
 - (b) in the case of Port Kembla Port Corporation—the MSB Illawarra Ports Authority, and
 - (c) in the case of Sydney Ports Corporation—the MSB Sydney Ports Authority.

10 Timetable for first statement of corporate intent

A period within which any matter is required to be done under section 21 of the *State Owned Corporation Act 1989* in connection with the first statement of corporate intent of a Port Corporation may be extended by the voting shareholders of the Port Corporation.

11 Saving of contracts for pilotage services under Pilotage Act 1971

A contract under Part 4A of the *Pilotage Act 1971* that is in force on the repeal of that Part is taken to be a contract under section 81 of this Act.

12 Port charges

- (1) In any Act or statutory instrument and in any legal document:
 - (a) a reference to harbour rates under the *Port Rates Act 1975* (or wharfage charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to wharfage charges and port cargo access charges under this Act (or to one of those charges if the context or subject matter so requires), and
 - (b) a reference to berthing charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* is to be read as a reference to berthing charges under this Act, and
 - (c) a reference to tonnage rates under the *Port Rates Act 1975* (or site occupation charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to site occupation charges under this Act, and
 - (d) a reference to harbour and light rates under the *Pilotage Act 1971* (or navigation service charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to navigation service charges under this Act, and
 - (e) a reference to pilotage rates under the *Pilotage Act 1971* (or pilotage charges under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*) is to be read as a reference to pilotage charges under this Act.
- (2) An agreement under section 18 of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* between the MSB or an MSB subsidiary and a person liable to pay a charge under that Act is taken to be an agreement under Division 7 of Part 5 of this Act. The agreement is subject to such modifications as are required by subclause (1) or as are made by the relevant port authority, by notice served on the person, for the purpose of making any necessary adjustments as a consequence of the changes to port charges effected by Part 5 of this Act.
- (3) Any purported agreement by MSB or an MSB subsidiary port authority (or a person purporting to act on their behalf) under which wharfage charges under section 7 of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* at sites not operated by the MSB or an MSB subsidiary port authority are waived in a particular port for cargo generally or any class of cargo is void (and was always void).

This subclause only applies to agreements notified in the Gazette by the Minister for the purposes of this clause. The wharfage charges concerned are payable even though the demand for payment is made after the commencement of this clause.

- (4) A security lodged under section 20 of the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* by a person liable to pay a charge under that Act is taken to be a security lodged under section 71 of this Act.
- (5) Without limiting the operation of any saving contained in the *Interpretation Act 1987*, nothing in this Act affects the liability of any person to pay any rate or charge incurred under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989*. Subject to any regulation under clause 1 or Part 5 of this Act, the provisions of that Part apply to the payment of any such rate or charge to the successor of the MSB that acquires under this Act the right to that payment.

13 Continuation of certain port charges regulations and port boundaries regulations

- (1) The *Marine Port Charges Regulation 1990* made under the *Marine Port Charges Act 1989* is (to the extent that it can lawfully be made under this Act) taken to be a regulation made under this Act (see section 76). A reference in that regulation to the MSB is taken to be a reference to the relevant port authority within the meaning of Part 5 of this Act.
- (2) The *Ports Boundaries Regulation 1978* made under the *Maritime Services Act 1935* is (to the extent that it can lawfully be made under this Act) taken to be a regulation made under this Act (see section 105).

14 Saving of appointments of harbour masters

- (1) A person who, immediately before the repeal of section 36A of the *Maritime Services Act 1935*, was duly appointed as a harbour master, or to act in the capacity of a harbour master, under the marine legislation is taken to have been so appointed under Part 7 of this Act.

15 General savings

- (1) Anything done under an Act, provision of an Act or regulation repealed by this Act that has any force or effect immediately before its repeal, is taken to have been done under the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (2) Anything done by the MSB under a provision of the marine legislation that is amended by this Act (being an amendment that changes references to the MSB with references to the Minister) and that has any force or effect immediately before its amendment is (subject to this Act) taken to have been done by the Minister.

[Minister's second reading speech made in—
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