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Water Supply Authorities Amendment (Central Coast Water and Sewerage) Bill 1997

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to declare that it is Parliament's intention that a referendum be conducted before there is any reduction in the functions under the *Water Supply Authorities Act 1987* of the Gosford City Council or Wyong Council relating to the provision of water and sewerage services in their local government areas.

Outline of provisions

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 when it receives assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Water Supply Authorities Act 1987* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Water Supply Authorities Act 1987

Schedule 1 inserts proposed section 67 into the *Water Supply Authorities Act 1987*. The proposed section declares that it is the intention of Parliament that a successful referendum be conducted, in accordance with procedures set out in the *Local Government Act 1993*, before the functions of the Gosford City Council or the Wyong Council to provide water and sewerage services are reduced, abolished or suspended.

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No. , 1997

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Water Supply Authorities Act 1987* to declare Parliament's intention that a referendum be conducted before certain functions of Gosford City Council or Wyong Council relating to water and sewerage services are reduced, abolished or suspended.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Water Supply Authorities Amendment (Central Coast Water and Sewerage) Act 1997*.

2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent.

3 Amendment of Water Supply Authorities Act 1987 No 140

The *Water Supply Authorities Act 1987* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Section 3)

Section 67

Insert after section 66:

- 67 Referendum required before certain functions reduced** 5
- (1) It is the intention of Parliament that the functions under this Act of Gosford City Council and Wyong Council should not be reduced, abolished or suspended except in accordance with a proposal approved by a referendum.
- (2) Part 3 (Expressions of community opinion) of Chapter 4 of the *Local Government Act 1993* is to apply to any such referendum in the same way as it applies to a constitutional referendum within the meaning of that Act, except that a proposal is taken to have been approved only if it is supported by a majority of the votes cast in the local government area concerned. 10
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