Second print



New South Wales

# **Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000**

## Contents

		Page
Part 1	Preliminary	
	<ol> <li>Name of Act</li> <li>Commencement</li> <li>Principles of multiculturalism</li> <li>Definitions</li> <li>Notes</li> </ol>	2 2 2 3 4
Part 2	Constitution of Commission	
	<ul> <li>6 Constitution of Commission</li> <li>7 Membership and procedure of Commission</li> <li>8 Chairperson of Commission</li> <li>9 Staff of Commission</li> <li>10 Regional advisory councils</li> <li>11 Other committees</li> </ul>	5 5 6 6 6

Contents

			Page
Part 3	Obje	ectives and functions of Commission	
	12	Objectives of Commission	8
	13	Functions of Commission	8
	14	Reporting on the state of community relations	9
	15	Public authorities to assist Commission	10
	16	Delegation of functions	10
Part 4	Misc	cellaneous	
	17	Act to bind Crown	11
	18	Financial year	11
	19	Recovery of money by Commission	11
	20		11
	21		12
	22	Legal consequences of principles of multiculturalism	12
	23	Regulations	12
	24	Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations	12
	25	Repeals	12
	26	Savings, transitional and other provisions	12
	27	Review of Act	12
Schedule	5		

1	Provisions relating to commissioners	13
2	Provisions relating to procedure of Commission	19
3	Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations	21
4	Savings, transitional and other provisions	25

This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly,* 



New South Wales

## **Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000**

No , 2000

## A Bill for

An Act to establish principles of multiculturalism as the policy of the State; to constitute the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales; to provide for its objectives and functions; to repeal the *Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1979* and to amend certain other Acts and regulations; and for other purposes.

**EXAMINED** 

Chairman of Committees

Clause 1	Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000
Part 1	Preliminary

## Preamble

This	Act:		2
		ises that the people of New South Wales are of different linguistic, us, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and	3 4
(b) p	romo	tes the equal rights and responsibilities of all the people of New South	5
		within a cohesive and harmonious multicultural society in which	6
		ty is regarded as a strength and an asset, individuals share a	7
с	omm	itment to Australia, and English is the common language.	8
The ]	Legis	lature of New South Wales therefore enacts:	9
Part	t 1	Preliminary	10
1	Nar	ne of Act	11
		This Act is the Community Relations Commission and Principles of	12
		Multiculturalism Act 2000.	13
2	Cor	nmencement	14
		This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by	15
		proclamation.	16
3	Prir	nciples of multiculturalism	17
	(1)	Parliament recognises that the people of New South Wales are of	18
		different linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds, who,	19
		either individually or in community with other members of their	20
		respective groups, are free to profess, practise and maintain their own linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic heritage. It does so by supporting	21 22
		and promoting the following principles of multiculturalism:	22
		(a) <b>Principle 1</b>	24
		All individuals in New South Wales should have the greatest	25
		possible opportunity to contribute to, and participate in, all	26
		aspects of public life.	27

1

Preliminary
-------------

Part 1

	(b)	Principle 2	1
	(0)		
		All individuals and public institutions should respect and make provision for the culture, language and religion of others within	23
		an Australian legal and institutional framework where English	4
		is the common language.	5
	(c)	Principle 3	6
		All individuals should have the greatest possible opportunity to	7
		make use of and participate in relevant activities and programs	8
		provided or administered by the Government of New South Wales.	9 10
	(d)	Principle 4	10
	(0)	All public institutions of New South Wales should recognise	12
		the linguistic and cultural assets in the population of New South	12
		Wales as a valuable resource and promote this resource to	14
		maximise the development of the State.	15
(2)		ament also recognises that those principles are based on	16
		nship. The expression <i>citizenship</i> is not limited to formal alian citizenship, but refers to the rights and responsibilities of all	17
		e in a multicultural society in which there is:	18 19
	(a)	a recognition of the importance of shared values within a	20
		democratic framework governed by the rule of law, and	21
	(b)	an overarching and unifying commitment to Australia, its	22
		interests and future.	23
	The p	principles of multiculturalism are to be construed accordingly.	24
(3)	The p	principles of multiculturalism are the policy of the State.	25
(4)	Acco	rdingly, each public authority must observe the principles of	26
	multi	culturalism in conducting its affairs.	27
(5)		he duty of the chief executive officer of each public authority to	28
		ement the provisions of this section within the area of his or her nistration.	29
	aamii	nistration.	30
Defi	inition	s	31
	In this	s Act:	32
		rperson means the Chairperson of the Commission, being a	33
	full-ti	me or part-time Chairperson as referred to in section 8.	34

Page 3

Part 1 Preliminary

citizenship—see section 3 (2).

*Commission* means the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales constituted by this Act. *cultural diversity* means the different linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds of the people of New South Wales.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

*exercise* a function includes perform a duty.

*function* includes a power, authority or duty.

principles of multiculturalism—see section 3.

*public authority* means any public or local authority constituted by or under an Act, and includes a Government department, a statutory State owned corporation, a local council, a body whose accounts are required to be audited by the Auditor General or any other body prescribed by the regulations.

5	Notes	14
	Notes included in this Act do not form part of this Act.	15

Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill	Clause 6
2000	

Constitution of Commission

#### Part 2

#### Part 2 Constitution of Commission 1 6 **Constitution of Commission** 2 (1) There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name 3 of the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales. 4 (2) The Commission is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body 5 representing the Crown. 6 (3) The Commission is subject to the control and direction of the 7 Minister, except in relation to the contents of any advice, report or 8 recommendation given to the Minister or any other person or body. 9 Membership and procedure of Commission 7 10 (1) The Commission is to consist of not more than 9 commissioners, 11 being: 12 a full-time Chairperson and part-time commissioners appointed (a) 13 by the Governor, or 14 part-time commissioners appointed by the Governor. (b) 15 (2) Schedule 1 has effect with respect to the commissioners. 16 (3) Schedule 2 has effect with respect to the procedure of the 17 Commission. 18 8 **Chairperson of Commission** 19 (1) The Chairperson of the Commission is the person holding office as 20 such under Part 2 of the Public Sector Management Act 1988 (referred 21 to in this Act as a *full-time Chairperson*). 22 (2) A full-time Chairperson is the chief executive officer of the 23 Commission. 24 (3) If there is no full-time Chairperson, a part-time commissioner may, by 25 the instrument of his or her appointment or by a subsequent instrument 26 executed by the Governor, be appointed as Chairperson of the 27 Commission. 28

Part 2 Constitution of Commission

## 9 Staff of Commission

(1)	Such staff as may be necessary to enable the Commission to exercise
	its functions may be employed under Part 2 of the Public Sector
	Management Act 1988.

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

- (2) The Commission may arrange for the use of the services of any staff or facilities of a government department or other public authority.
- (3) The Commission may engage such consultants as the Commission requires to assist it in the exercise of its functions.
- (4) For the purposes of this Act, a person who is employed under subsection (1) or whose services are made use of under subsection (2) is an officer of the Commission.

#### 10 Regional advisory councils

- (1) The Commission is to establish regional advisory councils for regional areas of the State.
- (2) The function of a regional advisory council is to advise the Commission on any matter relating to the Commission's functions that the council considers appropriate or that the Commission refers to the council for advice.
- (3) A regional advisory council is to comprise representatives of relevant local or regional agencies, community organisations or individuals and a commissioner of the Commission (who is to be the chairperson of the council).
- (4) The procedure for the calling of meetings of a regional advisory council and for the conduct of business at those meetings is to be as determined by the Commission or (subject to any determination of the Commission) by the council.

#### 11 Other committees

- (1) The Commission may establish standing committees to assist it in connection with the exercise of any of its functions or special committees to consider and report on particular issues.
- (2) It does not matter that any or all of the members of a committee are not commissioners of the Commission.

Page 6

Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000	Clause 11
Constitution of Commission	Part 2

(3) The procedure for the calling of meetings of a committee and for the conduct of business at those meetings is to be as determined by the Commission or (subject to any determination of the Commission) by the committee.

Clause 12	Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000
Part 3	Objectives and functions of Commission

## Part 3 Objectives and functions of Commission

#### **Objectives of Commission**

The objectives of the Commission are as follows:

	The o	objectives of the Commission are as follows:	3
	(a)	participation of the people of New South Wales in community life and the public decision-making process so that they can exercise their rights and fulfil their obligations regardless of their linguistic, religious, racial or ethnic background,	4 5 6 7
	(b)	access to government services that is appropriate in a multicultural society,	8 9
	(c)	a cohesive and harmonious multicultural society with mutual respect for and understanding of cultural diversity,	10 11
	(d)	the enrichment of all sections of society through the benefits of cultural diversity.	12 13
13	Functions	s of Commission	14
	The f	functions of the Commission are as follows:	15
	(a)	to undertake systematic and wide-ranging consultation with people and groups with respect to its objectives,	16 17
	(b)	to advise and make recommendations to the Minister to promote any of its objectives,	18 19
	(c)	to investigate and report to the Minister on any matter relating to its objectives that the Commission considers appropriate or that the Minister refers to the Commission for investigation and report,	20 21 22 23
	(d)	to arrange and participate in forums to promote its objectives,	24
	(e)	to facilitate co-operative arrangements involving governmental, business, educational and community groups or bodies to promote its objectives,	25 26 27
	(f)	to enter into agreements with public authorities in connection with their functions to promote the objectives of the Commission,	28 29 30

Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill	Clause 13
2000	

Objectives and functions of Commission

Part 3

		(g)	to assist, and assess the effectiveness of, public authorities in observing the principles of multiculturalism in the conduct of their affairs, particularly in connection with the delivery of government services,	1 2 3 4
		(h)	to assist in resolving issues associated with cultural diversity,	5
		(i)	to provide interpreter or other services approved by the Minister,	6 7
		(j)	to advise the Minister on the most effective use of funds appropriated by Parliament for programs related to its objectives,	8 9 10
		(k)	to encourage eligible people to become Australian citizens,	11
		(1)	to advise and make recommendations to the Anti-Discrimination Board on matters relating to discrimination and racial vilification,	12 13 14
		(m)	such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by or under this or any other Act.	15 16
14	Rep	orting	on the state of community relations	17
	(1)	) The Commission is to prepare a report, for each calendar year, on the state of community relations in New South Wales as affected by cultural diversity, including an assessment of the effectiveness of public authorities in observing the principles of multiculturalism in the conduct of their affairs.		
	(2)		report may include recommendations of the Commission in on to any relevant matters.	23 24
	(3)		eport is to be furnished to the Minister before the end of March year following the year to which the report relates.	25 26
	(4)	each l	Anister is to lay, or cause to be laid, a copy of the report before House of Parliament within 14 sitting days of the House after ing the report.	27 28 29
	(5)	If a House of Parliament is not sitting when the Minister seeks to have a copy of the report laid before the House, the Minister may present a copy of the report to the Clerk of that House.		
	(6)	The re	eport, if presented to the Clerk:	33
		(a)	is, on presentation, and for all purposes, taken to have been laid before the House, and	34 35

Part 3	Objectives and functions of Commission

(b)	may be printed by the authority of the Clerk, and	1
(c)	if printed by authority of the Clerk, is for all purposes taken to	2
	be a document published by or under the authority of the	3
	House, and	4
(d)	is to be recorded in the Minutes, or Votes and Proceedings, of	5
	the House on the first sitting day of the House after presentation	6
	of the report to the Clerk.	7
iblic au	thorities to assist Commission	8
) This	section applies to any investigation conducted by the Commission	9
		10
) The	public authority is to give the Commission all such assistance and	11
		12
as th	e Commission may require for the purposes of that investigation.	13
) Publ	ic authorities may, at the request of the Commission, provide	14
	ers of the public authority to be members or to advise members of	15
com	mittees of the Commission established to advise and report on any	16
issue	for the purposes of that investigation.	17
legatio	on of functions	18
) The	Commission may delegate to the Chairperson any of the functions	19
		20
) The	Chairperson may sub-delegate to an officer of the Commission	21
		22
auth	prised in writing to do so by the Commission.	23
	<ul> <li>(c)</li> <li>(d)</li> <li>(d)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>(c) if printed by authority of the Clerk, is for all purposes taken to be a document published by or under the authority of the House, and</li> <li>(d) is to be recorded in the Minutes, or Votes and Proceedings, of the House on the first sitting day of the House after presentation of the report to the Clerk.</li> <li>(blic authorities to assist Commission</li> <li>) This section applies to any investigation conducted by the Commission under this Act that affects the functions of a public authority.</li> <li>) The public authority is to give the Commission all such assistance and make available all such information with respect to any such function as the Commission may require for the purposes of that investigation.</li> <li>) Public authorities may, at the request of the Commission, provide officers of the public authority to be members or to advise members of committees of the Commission established to advise and report on any issue for the purposes of that investigation.</li> <li>&gt; Hegation of functions</li> <li>) The Commission may delegate to the Chairperson any of the functions of the Commission (other than this power of delegation).</li> </ul>

Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill	Clause 17
2000	

Miscellaneous

Part 4

#### Part 4 Miscellaneous 1 17 Act to bind Crown 2 This Act binds the Crown in right of New South Wales and, in so far 3 as the legislative power of the Parliament of New South Wales permits, 4 the Crown in all its other capacities. 5 18 Financial year 6 (1) The financial year of the Commission is the year commencing on 1 7 July. 8 (2) A different financial year may be determined by the Treasurer under 9 section 4 (1A) of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983. 10 Note. The Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 makes provision for the keeping and 11 audit of the accounts of the Commission and the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 12 1985 makes provision for the preparation and tabling in Parliament of the annual 13 report of the Commission. 14 19 **Recovery of money by Commission** 15 Any charge, fee or money due to the Commission, or to the Crown in 16 respect of any of the activities of the Commission, may be recovered 17 by the Commission as a debt, if no express provision is otherwise 18 made for its recovery. 19 20 Service of documents on Commission 20 (1) A document may be served on the Commission by leaving it at, or by 21 sending it by post addressed to, the Commission's office or, if it has 22 more than one office, any of its offices. 23 (2) Nothing in this section affects the operation of any provision of a law 24 or of the rules of a court authorising a document to be served on the 25 Commission in any other manner. 26

Clause 21	Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000
Part 4	Miscellaneous

21	Personal liability	1
	A matter or thing done by the Commission, by a commissioner of the	2
	Commission or by a person acting under the direction of the	3
	Commission or a commissioner does not, if the matter or thing was	4
	done in good faith for the purposes of executing this or any other Act,	5
	subject a commissioner or a person so acting personally to any action,	6
	liability, claim or demand.	7
22	Legal consequences of principles of multiculturalism	8
	Nothing in section 3 gives rise to, or can be taken into account in, any	9
	civil cause of action.	10
23	Regulations	11
	The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for	12
	or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted	13
	to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for	14
	carrying out or giving effect to this Act.	15
24	Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations	16
	The Acts and regulations set out in Schedule 3 are amended as set out in that Schedule.	17
	in that Schedule.	18
25	Repeals	19
	(1) The Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1979 is repealed.	20
	(2) The Ethnic Affairs Commission Regulation 1997 is repealed.	21
26	Savings, transitional and other provisions	22
	Schedule 4 has effect.	23
27	Review of Act	24
	(1) The Minister is to review this Act to determine whether the policy	25
	objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act	26
	remain appropriate for securing those objectives.	27
	(2) The review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of	28
	5 years from the date of assent to this Act.	29
	(3) A report on the outcome of the review is to be tabled in each House of	30
	Parliament within 12 months after the end of the period of 5 years.	31

Provisions relating to commissioners

Schedule 1

Sch	edu	le 1	Provisions relating to commissioners	1
			(Section 7 (2))	2
1	Def	inition	S	3
		In thi	is Schedule:	4
			<i>nissioner</i> means any commissioner of the Commission, including Chairperson.	5 6
			<i>time commissioner</i> means a commissioner other than a full-time reperson.	7 8
2	Cha	airpers	ion	9
	(1)		Chairperson (other than a full-time Chairperson) vacates office as reperson if the person:	10 11
		(a)	is removed from office by the Governor under this clause, or	12
		(b)	ceases to be a commissioner.	13
	(2)		Governor may at any time remove the Chairperson (other than a ime Chairperson) from office as Chairperson.	14 15
			The <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> makes provision for the removal ill-time Chairperson from office.	16 17
	(3)	act in	ng any absence of a full-time Chairperson, a person appointed to in the office of Chairperson under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector</i> agement Act 1988 may attend any meeting of the Commission,	18 19 20 21
		(a)	is not entitled to preside at the meeting, and	22
		(b)	is not entitled to vote at the meeting.	23
		create	The office of full-time Chairperson is a public service executive position ad under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> . That Act enables appointment of any other public service officer to act in the position in the ace of the Chairperson or a vacancy in the office of Chairperson.	24 25 26 27
	(4)		he purposes of this clause, a vacancy in the office of Chairperson ten to be an absence of a full-time Chairperson.	28 29

Schedule 1 Provisions relating to commissioners

3 Deputy Chairperson
----------------------

Dep	uty Chairperson	1
(1)	A part-time commissioner may, by the instrument of his or her appointment or by a subsequent instrument executed by the Governor, be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Commission.	2 3 4
(2)	The Deputy Chairperson vacates office as Deputy Chairperson if the person:	5 6
	(a) is removed from office by the Governor under this clause, or	7
	(b) ceases to be a commissioner.	8
(3)	The Governor may at any time remove the Deputy Chairperson from office as Deputy Chairperson.	9 10
Dep	uties of part-time commissioners	11
(1)	) The Minister may, from time to time, appoint a person to be the deputy of a part-time commissioner, and the Minister may revoke any such appointment.	
(2)	In the absence of a part-time commissioner, the commissioner's deputy:	15
	(a) may, if available, act in the place of the absent commissioner, and	16 17
	(b) while so acting, has all the functions of the commissioner (other than any functions the commissioner has as Chairperson, acting Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson) and is taken to be a part- time commissioner.	18 19 20 21
(3)	A person while acting in the place of a part-time commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine in respect of the person.	
(4)	For the purposes of this clause, a vacancy in the office of a part-time commissioner is taken to be an absence of the commissioner.	26 27

Provisions relating to commissioners

#### Schedule 1

5	Par	t-time	commissioners undertaking full-time duties	1	
	(1)		Minister may, at the request of the Commission, authorise a part-	2	
			commissioner to be engaged on a full-time or other basis on any	3	
		partic	cular work for the Commission or a committee of the Commission.	4	
	(2)		art-time commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration	5	
			uding travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may	6	
			time to time determine in respect of any such work (in addition to other remuneration to which the part-time commissioner is entitled	7	
			r this Schedule).	8 9	
	(3)	Any	such commissioner continues to be a part-time commissioner for	10	
		the p	urposes of this Act.	11	
6	Terms of office of part-time commissioners				
		Subj	ect to this Schedule, a part-time commissioner holds office for such	13	
	period (not exceeding 5 years) as is specified in the commissioner's				
			ument of appointment, but is eligible (if otherwise qualified) for	15 16	
	re-appointment.				
7	Remuneration				
	A part-time commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration				
			uding travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may	19	
		from	time to time determine in respect of the commissioner.	20	
8	Vac	ancy	in office of part-time commissioner	21	
	(1)		office of a part-time commissioner becomes vacant if the	22	
		com	missioner:	23	
		(a)	dies, or	24	
		(b)	completes a term of office and is not re-appointed, or	25	
		(c)	resigns the office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister, or	26 27	
		(d)	is removed from office by the Governor under this clause or under Part 8 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> , or	28 29	

Schedule 1 Provisions relating to commissioners

		(e)	is absent from 4 consecutive meetings of the Commission of which reasonable notice has been given to the commissioner personally or in the ordinary course of post, except on leave granted by the Commission or unless, before the expiration of 4 weeks after the last of those meetings, the commissioner is excused by the Commission for having been absent from those meetings, or	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
		(f)	becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit, or	8 9 10 11
		(g)	becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or	12
		(h)	is convicted in New South Wales of an offence that is punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more or is convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence that, if committed in New South Wales, would be an offence so punishable.	13 14 15 16 17
	(2)	The Confice	Bovernor may at any time remove a part-time commissioner from .	18 19
9	Disc	closure	e of pecuniary interests	20
	(1)	If:		
				21
		(a)	a commissioner has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and	21 22 23 24
			matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting	22 23
		(a) (b) the co	matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the commissioner's duties in relation to the	22 23 24 25 26
	(2)	<ul><li>(a)</li><li>(b)</li><li>the cocome intere</li><li>A dise</li></ul>	matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the commissioner's duties in relation to the consideration of the matter, mmissioner must, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have to the commissioner's knowledge, disclose the nature of the	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
	(2)	<ul><li>(a)</li><li>(b)</li><li>the cocome intere</li><li>A dise</li></ul>	matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the commissioner's duties in relation to the consideration of the matter, mmissioner must, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have to the commissioner's knowledge, disclose the nature of the st at a meeting of the Commission. closure by a commissioner at a meeting of the Commission that	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Provisions relating to commissioners

Schedule 1

		(c)	has some other specified interest relating to a specified company or other body or to a specified person,	1 2
		is a s	ufficient disclosure of the nature of the interest in any matter	3
			ng to that company or other body or to that person which may	4
			after the date of the disclosure and which is required to be	5
			osed under this clause.	6
	(3)		Commission must cause particulars of any disclosure made under	7
			ause to be recorded in a book kept for the purpose and that book	8
			be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by any person on ent of such fee as may be determined by the Commission from	9 10
			time.	10
	(4)		a commissioner has disclosed the nature of an interest in any	12
	(+)		r, the commissioner must not, unless the Minister or the	12
			nission otherwise determines:	14
		(a)	be present during any deliberation of the Commission with	15
			respect to the matter, or	16
		(b)	take part in any decision of the Commission with respect to the	17
			matter.	18
	(5)		e purposes of the making of a determination by the Commission	19
			subclause (4), a commissioner who has a direct or indirect	20
		pecun	iary interest in a matter to which the disclosure relates must not:	21
		(a)	be present during any deliberation of the Commission for the	22
			purpose of making the determination, or	23
		(b)	take part in the making by the Commission of the determination.	24
	(6)		ntravention of this clause does not invalidate any decision of the	25
		Comr	nission.	26
10	Filli	ng of v	acancy in office of part-time commissioner	27
			office of a part-time commissioner becomes vacant, a person is,	28
		subje	ct to this Act, to be appointed to fill the vacancy.	29
11	Effe	ect of c	ertain other Acts	30
	(1)		of the Public Sector Management Act 1988 does not apply to or	31
		in res	pect of the appointment of a part-time commissioner.	32

Schedule 1 Provisions relating to commissioners

(2	)	If by	or	under	anv	Act	provis	sion	is	made:
<li>(4)</li>	1	пoy	or	unuor	uny	1 100	provin	non	10	maac.

(a) requiring a person who is the holder of a specified office to devote the whole of his or her time to the duties of that office, or

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

(b) prohibiting the person from engaging in employment outside the duties of that office,

the provision does not operate to disqualify the person from holding that office and also the office of a part-time commissioner or from accepting and retaining any remuneration payable to the person under this Act as such a commissioner.

Provisions relating to procedure of Commission

Schedule 2

Sch	edule 2 Provisions relating to procedure of Commission	1 2
	(Section 7 (3))	3
1	Definition	4
	In this Schedule:	5
	<i>commissioner</i> means any commissioner of the Commission, including the Chairperson.	6 7
2	General procedure	8
	The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Commission and for the conduct of business at those meetings is, subject to this Act and the regulations, to be as determined by the Commission.	9 10 11
3	Quorum	12
	The quorum for a meeting of the Commission is a majority of commissioners for the time being.	13 14
4	Presiding member	15
	<ol> <li>The Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson is to preside at a meeting of the Commission.</li> </ol>	16 17
	<b>Note.</b> The reference to the Chairperson does not include an acting Chairperson—see clause 2 of Schedule 1.	18 19
	(2) In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, another commissioner elected to chair the meeting by the commissioners present at the meeting is to preside at the meeting.	20 21 22
	(3) The person presiding at any meeting of the Commission has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, has a second or casting vote.	23 24 25
5	Voting	26
	A decision supported by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Commission at which a quorum is present is the decision of the Commission.	27 28 29

Schedule 2 Provisions relating to procedure of Commission

6	Tra	nsaction of business outside meetings or by telephone	1
	(1)	The Commission may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business by the circulation of papers among all the commissioners for the time being, and a resolution in writing approved in writing by a majority of those commissioners is taken to be a decision of the Commission.	2 3 4 5
	(2)	The Commission may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business at a meeting at which the commissioners (or some of them) participate by telephone, closed-circuit television or other means, but only if any commissioner who speaks on a matter before the meeting can be heard by the other commissioners.	6 7 8 9 10
	(3)	For the purposes of:	11
		(a) the approval of a resolution under subclause (1), or	12
		(b) a meeting held in accordance with subclause (2),	13
		the Chairperson and each commissioner have the same voting rights as they have at an ordinary meeting of the Commission.	14 15
	(4)	A resolution approved under subclause (1) is, subject to the regulations, to be recorded in the minutes of the Commission.	16 17
	(5)	Papers may be circulated among the commissioners for the purposes of subclause (1) by facsimile or other transmission of the information in the papers concerned.	18 19 20
7	Atte	endance by non-members	21
	(1)	A person authorised by the Commission or the Chairperson may attend a meeting of the Commission, and may participate in the meeting to the extent that the Commission determines.	22 23 24
	(2)	A person attending a meeting of the Commission under this clause cannot cast a vote at the meeting.	25 26
8	Firs	at meeting	27
		The Minister is to call the first meeting of the Commission in such manner as the Minister thinks fit.	28 29

Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations

Schedule 3

Sch	Schedule 3 Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations					
		2				
	(Section 24)	3				
3.1	Annual Reports (Departments) Regulation 1995	4				
<b>F41</b>	Oshadada 4 Dawart of an anti-	_				
[1]	Schedule 1 Report of operations	5				
	Omit "ethnic affairs agreement" from Column 1.	6				
	Insert instead "any agreement".	7				
[2]	Schedule 1	8				
	Omit "A statement describing any ethnic affairs agreement entered into	9				
	between the Department and the Ethnic Affairs Commission and a	10				
	statement setting out the Department's progress in implementing any such	11				
	agreement." from Column 2.	12				
	Insert instead "A statement describing any agreement entered into between	13				
	the Department and the Community Relations Commission under the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act	14 15				
	2000 and a statement setting out the Department's progress in implementing	15				
	any such agreement.".	10				
3.2	Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Regulation 1995	18				
	. (	10				
[1]	Schedule 1 Report of operations	19				
	Omit "ethnic affairs agreement" from Column 1.	20				
	Insert instead "any agreement".	21				

Schedule 3 Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations

[2]	Schedule 1	1
	Omit "A statement describing any ethnic affairs agreement entered into between the statutory body and the Ethnic Affairs Commission and a statement setting out the statutory body's progress in implementing any such agreement." from Column 2.	2 3 4 5
	Insert instead "A statement describing any agreement entered into between the statutory body and the Community Relations Commission under the <i>Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act</i> 2000 and a statement setting out the statutory body's progress in implementing any such agreement.".	6 7 8 9 10
3.3	Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 No 48	11
	Section 122I Functions	12
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission of New South Wales" from section 122I (3).	13 14
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	15
3.4	Local Government Act 1993 No 30	16
[1]	Section 8 The council's charter	17
	Omit "principles of cultural diversity" from section 8 (1). Insert instead "principles of multiculturalism".	18 19
[2]	Section 428 Annual reports	20
	Omit "principles of cultural diversity" from section 428 (2) (j). Insert instead "principles of multiculturalism".	21 22

Conse	equential amendment of other Acts and regulations	Schedule 3	
[3]	Dictionary		1
	Omit the definition of <i>principles of cultural diversity</i> and of that definition.	and the note at the	2 3
	Insert instead:		4
	<i>principles of multiculturalism</i> means the p section 3 of the <i>Community Relations</i> <i>Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000.</i>		5 6 7
3.5	Medical Practice Act 1992 No 94		8
	Section 130 Membership		9
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission of New South Wales (2) (d).	" from section 130	10 11
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".		12
3.6	Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 No 152		13
	Schedule 3 Departments		14
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission" from Column 1. Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".		15 16
3.7	Public Sector Management Act 1988 No 33		16
	-		
	Schedule 1 Departments		18
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission" from Column 1.		19
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".		20

1

Schedule 3	Consequential amendment of other Acts	and regulations
		and regulations

## 3.8 Superannuation Act 1916 No 28

	Schedule 26, Part 1 Public Authorities	2
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission".	3
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	4
3.9	Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 No 86	5 6
	Section 118 Registration of certain persons involving interpreting etc services (cf former s 125)	7 8
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission" from section 118 (3) (b) (ii).	9
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	10

Savings, transitional and other provisions	Schedule 4

Sch	edu	le 4	Savings, transitional and other provisions	1
			(Section 26)	2
Part	:1	Preli	minary	3
1	Def	inition	1	4
		In th	is Schedule:	5
		form	per Act means the Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1979.	6
2	Sav	ings a	and transitional regulations	7
	(1)		regulations may contain provisions of a savings or transitional re consequent on the enactment of the following Acts:	8 9
		this A	Act	10
	(2)		such provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect on late of assent to the Act concerned or a later date.	11 12
	(3)	is ea	ne extent to which any such provision takes effect on a date that rlier than the date of its publication in the Gazette, the provision not operate so as:	13 14 15
		(a)	to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State or an authority of the State), the rights of that person before the date of its publication, or	16 17 18
		(b)	to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State or an authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication.	19 20 21
Part	2	Prov	isions arising from enactment of this Act	22
3	Abo	olition	of Ethnic Affairs Commission	23
	(1)		Ethnic Affairs Commission constituted under the former Act is ished.	24 25
	(2)		Community Relations Commission is a continuation of, and the e legal entity as, the Ethnic Affairs Commission.	26 27

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

Schedule 4 Savings, transitional and other provisions

(3) A reference to the Ethnic Affairs Commission in any other Act, in any instrument made under any other Act or in any document is to be read as a reference to the Community Relations Commission.

#### 4 Chairperson of Ethnic Affairs Commission

The person who held office as Chairperson of the Ethnic Affairs Commission immediately before its abolition by this Act is taken to have been appointed under Part 2 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* as the full-time Chairperson of the Community Relations Commission for the balance of the person's term of office as Chairperson of the Ethnic Affairs Commission.

### 5 Commissioners (other than Chairperson) of Ethnic Affairs Commission

- (1) A person who held office as a commissioner of the Ethnic Affairs Commission (other than the Chairperson) immediately before its abolition by this Act is taken to have been appointed under this Act as a part-time commissioner of the Community Relations Commission for the balance of the person's term of office as a commissioner of the Ethnic Affairs Commission.
- (2) Any such person who also held office as the Deputy Chairperson of the Ethnic Affairs Commission immediately before its abolition by this Act is taken to have been appointed under this Act as the Deputy Chairperson of the Community Relations Commission.
- (3) This clause has effect even though the number of persons taken to be appointed as commissioners of the Community Relations Commission exceeds the maximum number of commissioners permitted by this Act.