



New South Wales

# Government Information (Public Access) Amendment (Electronic Applications) Bill 2019

## Explanatory note

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

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* to—

- (a) allow for access applications to be made electronically, and
- (b) allow for the electronic payment of fees and charges if an access application is made electronically.

## 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 on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1      **Amendment of Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 No 52**

**Schedule 1[1]** extends the ways in which an access application may be validly made to include an access application that is sent electronically.

**Schedule 1[2]** allows for the electronic payment of fees and charges for access applications that have been sent electronically.



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## **A Bill for**

An Act to amend the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* to make provision with respect to access applications and electronic payment of fees and charges.

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

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**1 Name of Act**

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This Act is the *Government Information (Public Access) Amendment (Electronic Applications) Act 2019*.

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**2 Commencement**

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendment of Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 No 52</b>	1
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<b>[1]</b>	<b>Section 41 How to make an access application</b>	3
	Omit “sent by post to or lodged at” from section 41(1)(a).	4
	Insert instead “and sent by post or electronically to, or lodged at,”.	5
<b>[2]</b>	<b>Section 41(1B) and (1C)</b>	6
	Insert after section 41(1A)—	7
	(1B) The application fee for an application sent electronically, and any other fee or charge payable under this Act in relation to the application, may be paid using an electronic payment method.	8 9 10
	(1C) In the case of an application sent electronically, the application is complete when the application is made and the fee is paid.	11 12