



New South Wales

**LEGAL AID COMMISSION AMENDMENT ACT 1997 No 50—
PROCLAMATION**

(L.S.) GORDON SAMUELS, Governor.

I, the Honourable Gordon Samuels AC, Governor of the State of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of section 2 (1) of the *Legal Aid Commission Amendment Act 1997*, do, by this my Proclamation, appoint 19 September 1997 as the day on which Schedule 1 [1] to that Act commences.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 17th day of September 1997.

By His Excellency's Command,

JEFFREY SHAW, Q.C., M.L.C.,
Attorney General
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this proclamation is to commence the provision of the *Legal Aid Commission Amendment Act 1997* (the amending Act) that repeals and replaces section 8 (1) (b) of the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1979*.

Section 8 (1) (b) currently provides that one of the 10 commissioners who constitute the Legal Aid Commission is to be a person appointed to represent the Minister. The new section 8 (1) (b) provides, instead, that 3 of those commissioners are to be persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, possess skills or experience that would benefit the Commission. (The 2 additional commissioners under the new section 8 (1) (b) replace those who were previously appointed under section 8 (1) (b1)—that is, persons nominated by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth to represent the Attorney-General. Section 8 (1) (b1) was repealed on 9 July 1997 by Schedule 1 [2] to the amending Act. Transitional provisions relating to the number of commissioners, and the number required to constitute a quorum at a meeting of commissioners, came into effect on that repeal pending the commencement of Schedule 1 [1].)