



New South Wales

**WORKCOVER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT ACT 1997**  
**No 134—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 of the *WorkCover Legislation Amendment Act 1997*, do, by this my Proclamation, appoint 6 February 1998 as the day on which the uncommenced provisions of that Act commence.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 4th day of February 1998.

By His Excellency's Command,

JEFFREY SHAW, Q.C., M.L.C.,  
Minister for Industrial Relations  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The object of this Proclamation is to commence the uncommenced amendments made by the *WorkCover Legislation Amendment Act 1997* to the *Workers Compensation Act 1987* and the *Sporting Injuries Insurance Act 1978*. Those amendments relate to increased penalties for false workers compensation claims and recovery of compensation paid on false claims. maximum fees payable to agents, conciliation procedures. a 14% increase in sporting injuries benefits, the membership of the Sporting Injuries Insurance Committee and miscellaneous and minor matters.

The amendments that have already commenced relate to the special benefit rate for unemployed injured coal miners and commenced on 1 January 1998.

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