



New South Wales

Proclamation

under the

Defamation Amendment Act 2002 No 136

JAMES JACOB SPIGELMAN,

By Deputation from Her Excellency the Governor

I, the Honourable James Jacob Spigelman, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of section 2 of the *Defamation Amendment Act 2002*, do, by this my Proclamation, appoint 17 February 2003 as the day on which that Act commences except for Schedule 1 [2], [6] and [12].

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 12th day of February 2003.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

BOB DEBUS, M.P.,

Attorney General

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Explanatory note

The objects of this Proclamation are:

(a) to commence amendments to the *Defamation Act 1974* with respect to the objects of the Act, the functions of judges and juries, the right of corporations to sue for defamation, defences, costs in defamation proceedings and certain transitional matters, and

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- (b) to commence amendments to the *District Court Act 1973* to require actions for defamation in the District Court generally to be tried by jury unless the Court orders otherwise, and
- (c) to commence amendments to the *Limitation Act 1969* to provide for a one year limitation period for defamation actions and the extension of that limitation period.

However, this Proclamation does not commence certain amendments to the *Defamation Act 1974* relating to offers to make amends.

BY AUTHORITY
