

**PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS (SUPPLEMENTARY
PROVISIONS) ACT.**

New South Wales



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Act No. 49, 1975.

**An Act to authorise the publication of Parliamentary papers;
to provide a defence to certain proceedings against an
authorised publisher; and for purposes connected
therewith. [Assented to, 7th October, 1975.]**

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Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions).

- No. 49, 1975 **B**E it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—
- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act, 1975".
- Commence-
ment. **2.** This Act shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st July, 1974.
- Interpre-
tation. **3.** In this Act, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires—
- "Committee" means a committee of both Houses or either House;
- "House" means House of Parliament;
- "joint sitting" means—
- (a) a joint sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly convened under section 5B (1) of the Constitution Act, 1902; or
- (b) the Houses sitting and voting together under section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.
- Publication
of Parlia-
mentary
papers. **4.** (1) Either House or a joint sitting may authorise the publication of a document laid before it.
- (2) A Committee may authorise the publication of a document received by it or evidence given before it.

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5. (1) When either House, a joint sitting or a Committee orders a document or evidence to be printed, the Government Printer is authorised to publish the document or evidence unless the contrary intention appears in the order.

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Authority to Government Printer to publish.

(2) The Government Printer is authorised to publish the reports of the debates and proceedings in each House and of a joint sitting.

6. Subject to section 7, it is a defence to any action or proceeding, civil or criminal, brought in respect of the publication of any document or any copy thereof or any evidence if it is proved that the publication of the document, the document from which the copy was made or the evidence, as the case may be, was authorised under section 4 or by section 5.

Defence to proceedings brought in respect of publication of Parliamentary papers.

7. This Act does not operate so as to provide or affect a defence to an action or proceeding for defamation.

Proceedings for defamation.

8. Nothing in this Act derogates from a power or privilege of either House, the Members of either House, or a Committee.

Parliamentary privileges not affected.

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