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**Act No. 59, 1991**

An Act to amend the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 in relation to the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council. [Assented to 12 December 1991]

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

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Aboriginal Land Rights (Amendment) Act 1991.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

**Amendment of Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 No. 42, Sch. 4 (Savings and Transitional Provisions)**

3. The Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 is amended by inserting after clause 14 in Schedule 4 the following clause:

**Interim arrangements**

15. (1) This clause applies in relation to the first election of councillors of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council held after the date of assent to the 1990 Act.

- (2) Despite any other provision of this Act:
- (a) the Registrar is to arrange forthwith the first meeting of the Council after the returning officer for the election has publicly declared elected candidates representing at least 10 Regional Aboriginal Land Council areas; and
  - (b) those candidates hold office and are taken always to have held office as councillors on and from the date on which the returning officer declared them elected, and the Council is taken to be properly constituted even though councillors representing all such areas have not been elected or otherwise appointed; and
  - (c) the terms of office of the persons who were members of the Council on the date of assent to the 1990 Act are taken to have expired on the date referred to in paragraph (b); and
  - (d) the councillors may not elect officers referred to in clause 2 of Schedule 6 until councillors representing all such areas have been elected or otherwise appointed in accordance with this Act, but are at their first meeting to elect members to act in place of those officers and with all the functions of those officers, until an election of the officers can take place in accordance with that clause; and

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- (e) otherwise, the Council is to proceed to transact business at its first and later meetings in accordance with this Act.

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*[Minister's second reading speech made in—  
Legislative Assembly on 10 December 1991  
Legislative Council on December 1991]*