

Lobbying of Government Officials (Lobbyists Code of Conduct) Amendment Regulation 2019

under the

Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011*.

GLADYS BEREJIKLIAN, MP

Minister administering the Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011

Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are:

- (a) to provide for information about foreign principals for whom third-party lobbyists are lobbying to be included in the Register of Third-Party Lobbyists, and
- (b) to include a requirement in the NSW Lobbyists Code of Conduct for third-party lobbyists to disclose to NSW Government officials when they are lobbying for a foreign principal.

This Regulation is made under the *Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011*, including sections 5, 10 (1) (e) and 21 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the Lobbying of Government Officials (Lobbyists Code of Conduct) Amendment Regulation 2019.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 July 2019 and is required to be published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Lobbying of Government Officials (Lobbyists Code of Conduct) Regulation 2014

[1] Clause 4B

Insert after clause 4A:

4B Information in Lobbyists Register: section 10 (1) (e) of Act

- (1) For the purposes of section 10 (1) (e) of the Act, the following information is prescribed in relation to a registered third-party lobbyist whose business consists of or includes lobbying for foreign principals:
 - (a) the name of each individual or body that is a foreign principal who has retained the lobbyist to provide, or for whom the lobbyist has provided, lobbying services (whether paid or unpaid),
 - (b) the foreign country in respect of which each of these individuals or bodies is a foreign principal.

(2) In this clause:

foreign country and **foreign principal** have the same meanings as in the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018 of the Commonwealth.

[2] Schedule 1 NSW Lobbyists Code of Conduct

Omit clause 10 (1) (c). Insert instead:

- (c) the name of the individual or body whose interests the lobbyist is representing, and
- (d) if the individual or body whose interests the lobbyist is representing is a foreign principal:
 - (i) that the individual or body is a foreign principal, and
 - (ii) the foreign country in respect of which the individual or body is a foreign principal.

[3] Schedule 1, clause 15

Insert in alphabetical order:

foreign country and *foreign principal* have the same meanings as in the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018* of the Commonwealth.

Note. The current version of the Commonwealth Act is available on the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.