

**WESTERN LANDS (CROWN LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL
1988**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Crown Lands Bill 1988.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Western Lands Act 1901 as a consequence of and in connection with the enactment of the proposed Crown Lands Act 1988 and its cognate Acts.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will commence on a day or days to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (1) repeals a provision dealing with the relationship between the Principal Act and the Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913 (to be repealed).

Schedule 1 (2) inserts proposed sections 2A and 2B into the Principal Act:

- (a) Proposed section 2A provides that certain provisions of the proposed Crown Lands Act 1988 (to be specified in Schedule B to the Principal Act) are to apply to land in the Western Division.
- (b) Proposed section 2B gives effect to transitional provisions to be inserted as Schedule C to the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (3), (4), (8), (10) and (12) amend various provisions of the Principal Act consequentially on the enactment of the proposed Crown Lands Act 1988 and its cognate Acts.

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Schedule 1 (5), (6) and (9) increase to 8 per cent the annual interest rate payable to the Crown in respect of money owed for—

- (a) survey costs involved in the extension of a lease to a lease in perpetuity (section 18E of the Principal Act);
- (b) the survey fee payable by an applicant for a lease (section 18I of the Principal Act); and
- (c) the value of improvements that are the property of the Crown,

and fixes at 8 per cent the annual interest rate payable to the owner of other improvements by an incoming tenant.

Schedule 1 (7) substitutes the provision of the Principal Act dealing with the conversion of certain leases to conditional purchases. Those conversions will now be dealt with in the manner specified in proposed Schedule D.

Schedule 1 (11) substitutes a provision authorising the making of regulations so as to bring it into line with the corresponding provision in the proposed Crown Lands Act 1988.

Schedule 1 (13) inserts Schedules B and C (referred to in the matter relating to Schedule 1 (2), above) and Schedule D (referred to in the matter relating to Schedule 1 (10), above) into the Principal Act.
