



New South Wales

Government Schools (Infrastructure Register) Bill 2007

Explanatory note

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to establish a requirement for the Director-General of the Department of Education and Training (the *Director-General*) to keep an infrastructure register in relation to government schools. The register is to comprise reports on the status of the capital infrastructure of government schools (*school status reports*) and three-yearly plans on building and maintenance work in those schools (*school building plans*). School status reports and school building plans are to be prepared by the Director-General and included on the Department of Education and Training's website.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on assent.

Clause 3 defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Clause 4 establishes the requirement for the Director-General to keep an infrastructure register in relation to government schools.

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Clause 5 provides for the preparation of school status reports by the Director-General and sets out the matters that each school status report must contain. Clause 5 also provides for the inclusion of school status reports on the Department of Education and Training's website.

Clause 6 provides for the preparation of school building plans by the Director-General and sets out the matters that each school building plan must contain. Clause 6 also provides for the inclusion of school building plans on the Department of Education and Training's annual website.

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A Bill for

An Act to establish a government schools infrastructure register and to provide for the preparation of school status reports and building plans; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Government Schools (Infrastructure Register) Act 2007</i> .	3
2 Commencement	4
This Act commences on the date of assent.	5
3 Definitions	6
In this Act:	7
Department means the Department of Education and Training.	8
Director-General means the Director-General of the Department of Education and Training.	9
financial year means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July.	10
government school has the same meaning as in the <i>Education Act 1990</i> .	11
infrastructure includes demountables and buildings that are not demountables.	12
4 Government schools infrastructure register to be kept	13
(1) The Director-General is to keep a register consisting of the following:	14
(a) each school status report submitted to the Minister under section 5,	15
(b) each school building plan submitted to the Minister under section 6.	16
(2) The register is to be kept in such form as the Director-General considers appropriate.	17
(3) The register is to be made available for public inspection, free of charge, on the website of the Department.	18
5 School status report	19
(1) The Director-General is to prepare and submit to the Minister a report on the status of government school infrastructure (a school status report) within the period of 4 months after the end of each financial year.	20
(2) The report is to contain the following matters:	21
(a) particulars of the capital infrastructure of each government school and of the state of repair of that infrastructure at the end of the financial year to which the report relates, together with a statement identifying how the existing state of repair of that infrastructure was assessed,	22
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(b)	an assessment of works of a capital nature that have been identified by government schools or by the Department or any other public authority, during the financial year to which the report relates, as works that need to be carried out in government schools,	1 2 3 4 5
(c)	an assessment of the progress that has been made in carrying out those works of a capital nature that are identified in the relevant school building plan as capital works to be carried out during the financial year to which the report relates, together with the amount expended in carrying out each of those works during that financial year,	6 7 8 9 10 11
(d)	particulars of the amount expended on maintenance work for each government school during the financial year to which the report relates,	12 13 14
(e)	particulars of the amount of any additional funding requested by a government school for urgent maintenance during the financial year to which the report relates and the amount of any additional funding granted for that purpose, together with a statement of reasons for any refusal to grant any such additional funding.	15 16 17 18 19
(3)	A copy of the school status report is to be made available for public inspection, free of charge, on the website of the Department.	20 21
6	School building plan	22
(1)	The Director-General is to prepare and submit to the Minister a plan (a <i>school building plan</i>), within the period of 4 months after the end of each financial year, with respect to building and maintenance work in government schools for the next 3 financial years (inclusive of the financial year in which it is submitted).	23 24 25 26 27
(2)	The school building plan is to contain the following matters:	28
(a)	particulars of works of a capital nature that are to be carried out in government schools during the period to which the plan relates, the estimated time frame for completing the works and the estimated cost (at current values) of carrying out the works,	29 30 31 32
(b)	particulars of the money to be allocated, out of the money appropriated by Parliament, to carrying out works of a capital nature in government schools, together with the criteria by which decisions are made about the allocation of that money and how those criteria are applied,	33 34 35 36 37

