

[Act 1998 No 67]



New South Wales

# **Police Legislation Amendment (Protective Security Group) Bill 1998**

## **Explanatory note**

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

### **Overview of Bill**

The object of this Bill is to enact provisions in connection with the Protective Security Group of the Police Service. The Bill:

- (a) requires the Commissioner of Police to conduct an annual audit of the operations, policies and procedures of the Group, and
  - (b) requires the annual audit to include an examination of:
    - (i) the Group's adherence to its charter (which is determined by the Commissioner and approved by the Minister), and
    - (ii) the adherence to the charter by the members of the Group, and
    - (iii) the Group's use and payment of informants, and
    - (iv) the Group's recording and use of intelligence gathered by it, and
  - (c) requires the Commissioner of Police to cause a Deputy Commissioner to conduct a special review of the operations, policies and procedures of the Group after the Sydney Olympic Games, and
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- (d) requires the special review to include an examination of
  - (i) the Group's adherence to its charter, with special reference to the Sydney Olympic Games, and
  - (ii) the role of the Group after the Sydney Olympic Games, and
- (e) enables the Police Integrity Commission to monitor and report on the conduct and effectiveness of the annual audits, and
- (f) enables the Police Integrity Commission to assess and report on the recommendations of the special review, and to monitor and report on the effectiveness of the special review, and
- (g) provides for documents created by the Group to be exempt documents for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989*.

## 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 a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Police Service Act 1990* set out in Schedule 1.

**Clause 4** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Police Integrity Commission Act 1996* set out in Schedule 2.

**Clause 5** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* set out in Schedule 3.

**Schedule 1** amends the *Police Service Act 1990* to give effect to the matters described in paragraphs (a)–(d) of the Overview above.

**Schedule 2** amends the *Police Integrity Commission Act 1996* to give effect to the matters described in paragraphs (e) and (9) of the Overview above.

**Schedule 3** amends the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* to give effect to the matter described in paragraph (g) of the Overview above.