

Act 1992 No. 85

MEAT INDUSTRY (GAME MEAT) AMENDMENT BILL 1992*

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to amend the Meat Industry Act 1978 to enable the processing and sale of game meat (including kangaroo meat) for human consumption. At present kangaroo meat may be sold only as animal food.

The Bill also amends the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 to provide that a fauna dealer's licence is not required for the retail sale of game meat.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to Schedule 1 which contains amendments to the Meat Industry Act 1978.

Clause 4 is a formal provision giving effect to Schedule 2 which contains an amendment to the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENT OF MEAT INDUSTRY ACT 1978

Schedule 1(1) inserts new definitions of "game animal" (being kangaroo or other animal declared to be a game animal by the Minister) and "game meat", and amends consequentially the definitions of "meat market", "meat processing plant", "meat van", "offal", "processed meat" and "retail butcher's shop" to include game meat in those expressions.

Schedule 1 (2) ensures that regulations may be made for different classes of licences relating to premises or vehicles, including different classes of licences in respect of game meat. In order to deal with game meat, a separate class of meat van licence is

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proposed to be prescribed for vehicles used to transport game animals after they are killed and a separate class of meat processing plant licence is proposed to be prescribed for dealing with game meat carcasses.

Schedule 1 (3) makes an amendment consequent on the amendment made by Schedule 1 (2).

Schedule 1 (4) enables meat inspectors to condemn game animals as unfit for human consumption or for use as animal food, or both.

Schedule 1 (5) includes game meat that was processed at a licensed meat processing plant and passed as fit for human consumption in meat that may lawfully be sold for human consumption or used as an ingredient in processed meat.

Schedule 1 (6) includes game meat that was processed at a licensed meat processing plant and passed as fit for human consumption in meat that may lawfully be stored at a restaurant or retail butcher's shop.

Schedule 1 (7) extends to game meat provisions relating to the branding and grading of abattoir meat.

Schedule 1 (8) provides that the importation of game meat into the State is to be subject to similar standards as apply to the importation of other meat for human consumption.

Schedule 1 (9) enables the New South Wales Meat Industry Authority to undertake certain functions in relation to game meat, including a market intelligence service and the purchase and sale of game meat.

Schedule 1 (10) makes an amendment consequent on the amendment made by Schedule 1 (2).

**SCHEDULE 2—CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS
AND WILDLIFE ACT 1974**

Schedule 2 removes the requirement of a fauna dealer's licence for the retail sale of meat from a game animal. The exclusion applies to game meat for both human consumption and for animal food, but does not apply unless a wholesale fauna dealer's licence is held by the processing plant or knackery from which the game meat was acquired.
