



New South Wales

Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Balloons) Bill 2024

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to prohibit the release of balloons inflated with a gas that causes them to rise in the air (*lighter-than-air balloons*).

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 the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 No 156**

Schedule 1 makes it an offence for a person to release, or cause or permit the release of, one or more lighter-than-air balloons. Currently, it is an offence to release, or cause or permit the release of, 20 or more lighter-than-air balloons at or about the same time.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



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No. , 2024

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to prohibit the release of lighter-than-air balloons.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Balloons) Act 2024*.

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2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1	Amendment of Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 No 156	1
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Section 146E	Restrictions on release of balloons	3
	Omit “20 or more balloons” from section 146E(1) and (2).	4
	Insert instead “one or more balloons”.	5