

Act No. 172

OMBUDSMAN (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL 1987

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 Ombudsman Act 1974 so as to enable officers of the Ombudsman who are not members of the Police Force to deal with complaints against members of that Force.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will commence on its date of assent.

Clause 3 amends the Ombudsman Act 1974—

- (a) by omitting section 10 (2) (e) which currently prevents the Ombudsman from delegating his powers to investigate the conduct of members of the Police Force to a special officer of the Ombudsman who is not an Assistant Ombudsman or a member of the investigative staff of the Internal Affairs Branch of the Police Force; and
 - (b) by omitting section 32 (5) which currently restricts the persons who may be concerned in investigations of police conduct to members of the staff of the Internal Affairs Branch who are officers of the Ombudsman and an acting Ombudsman, the Deputy Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsmen.
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