

**MINES INSPECTION (WORKERS COMPENSATION)
AMENDMENT BILL 1987**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Workers Compensation Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Mines Inspection Act 1901 to—

- (a) double the monetary penalty for certain offences under that Act generally related to safety in the work place; and
- (b) increase to \$10,000 the maximum penalty which may be imposed by a Local Court under that Act.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that, with minor exceptions, the proposed Act will commence on a day appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (1)–(5) contain amendments to the Principal Act which double the monetary penalty for the following offences:

section 37 (notice to be given of cause of danger—increased penalty of \$500 and a daily penalty of \$100)

section 42 (where mine abandoned, plans to be deposited with Minister—increased penalty of \$1,000)

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section 48 (penalty for breach of regulations—increased penalty of \$400 and a daily penalty of \$100)

section 48B (tourist and educational activities in certain mines to be authorised by permit—increased penalty of \$1,000)

section 67 (general penalty for offences against the Act—increased penalty of \$1,000 for a mine owner or manager; \$400 for any other person; \$200 daily penalty where an inspector has given notice of the offence; \$2,000 where the storage or use of explosives is involved)

Schedule 1 (6) increases from \$2,000 to \$10,000 the maximum penalty which may be imposed by a Local Court for an offence against the Act.
