

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL BILL 1989

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to establish a Youth Advisory Council—

- (a) to advise the Government of New South Wales, through the Minister, on—
 - (i) matters of concern to young persons; and
 - (ii) Government policies and programs concerning young persons; and
- (b) to provide a channel of communication between the community and the Government in relation to matters concerning young persons.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a proclaimed day or days.

Clause 3 defines expressions used in the proposed Act. In particular, “young persons” is defined to mean persons between the ages of 12 years and 25 years. References in the proposed Act to Government policies and programs include the policies and programs of authorities of the State and of community organisations.

Clause 4 sets out the object of the proposed Act.

PART 2—ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL

Clause 5 establishes a Youth Advisory Council.

Clause 6 provides that the Council shall consist of—

- (a) 12 part-time members appointed by the Minister; and
- (b) the Director of the Office of Youth Affairs.

The clause requires at least 6 of the part-time members to be under 25 years of age.

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Clause 7 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of provisions relating to members.

Clause 8 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of provisions relating to the procedure of the Council.

Clause 9 authorises the Council to establish committees.

Clause 10 provides for the staff of the Council.

PART 3—FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

Clause 11 specifies the functions of the Council, which include—

- (a) advising the Minister on the planning, development, integration and implementation of Government policies and programs concerning young persons;
- (b) consulting with young persons, community groups and Government authorities on issues and policies concerning young persons; and
- (c) monitoring and evaluating legislation and Government policies and programs concerning young persons and recommending changes if required.

PART 4—MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 12 requires the Council to prepare an annual report for presentation to Parliament.

Clause 13 authorises the making of regulations.

**SCHEDULE 1—PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERS
OF COUNCIL**

The Schedule contains provisions relating to—

- (a) the appointment of a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson from among the part-time members (clause 1);
- (b) deputies of members (clause 2);
- (c) terms of office not exceeding 2 years (clause 3);
- (d) the payment of allowances to members (clause 4);
- (e) vacancies in the office of members (clause 5);
- (f) the filling of any such vacancy (clause 6); and
- (g) the effect of certain other Acts (clause 7).

**SCHEDULE 2—PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROCEDURE
OF COUNCIL**

The Schedule contains provisions relating to—

- (a) the general procedure of the Council (clause 1);
 - (b) the quorum for Council meetings (clause 2);
 - (c) the presiding member (clause 3);
 - (d) voting at meetings (clause 4); and
 - (e) the calling of the first meeting (clause 5).
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