Act No. 84

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (DUST DISEASES) 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 Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Act 1942 as a consequence of and in connection with the enactment of the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

The Bill makes all the necessary consequential amendments without affecting existing benefits and the rates of benefits.

The workers to whom the Act applies, namely workers (other than coal miners and Broken Hill miners) who suffer dust diseases, are not subject to the principal workers compensation legislation.

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 or days 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 contains the amendments giving effect to the objects stated above.