

Act No. 10 of 1987

DARLING HARBOUR CASINO (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

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 Darling Harbour Casino Act 1986 in relation to the control and regulation of matters affecting the establishment of the casino and operations in the casino.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the Darling Harbour Casino Act 1986 specified in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 (1)—

- (a) amends the definition of "casino" to ensure that the expression includes any temporary casino;
- (b) inserts a definition of "casino operating agreement";
- (c) inserts a definition of "employee" to ensure that the expression is not construed as being limited to employees of the manager of the casino; and
- (d) re-defines "manager" and "management agreement".

Schedule 1 (2) imposes a statutory duty on the Director, Casino Control Division, the Treasurer ("the Director") to keep under review the operation of the casino and the activities of the manager and others.

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Schedule 1 (3) requires a person in the casino to provide an inspector, in certain circumstances, with his or her name and residential address.

Schedule 1 (4)—(7) makes consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (8) requires the approval of the Governor to all agreements to be entered into by a Minister in relation to the casino.

Schedule 1 (9) inserts proposed section 32A which requires notification of any change in the situation of the manager or an associate existing at the time the casino operating agreement is entered into.

Schedule 1 (10) extends the powers of the Director to obtain information, documents and answers to questions.

Schedule 1 (11) inserts proposed section 33A which enables the Minister to require the Director, or to appoint another person, to investigate and report upon matters relating to the casino. Provision is also made requiring the Director to conduct triennial investigations as to whether a person is suitable to continue as manager or whether it is in the public interest for the casino operating agreement to continue in force. An appointed person will have the same powers as the Director to obtain information, documents and answers to questions.

Schedule 1 (12) makes consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (13) inserts proposed section 34A which provides the means by which a contract relating to the supply of goods or services to the casino, or relating to other prescribed matters, may be terminated if the Minister considers the termination to be in the public interest.

Schedule 1 (14) makes consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (15) applies the Theatres and Public Halls Act 1908 to the casino subject to any prescribed modifications.

Schedule 1 (16) enables regulations to be made controlling the manufacture and supply of gaming equipment and chips for use in the casino.

Schedule 1 (17), (18) and (19) makes consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (20) makes it clear that an inspector may enter any part of the casino.

Schedule 1 (21) and (22) makes consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (23) penalises an inspector who gambles in the casino within 12 months after ceasing to be an inspector.

Schedule 1 (24)—(26) makes consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (27) inserts proposed section 52A which deals with the granting of liquor licences for the casino and its supporting facilities.

Schedule 1 (28) and (29) extends the power of the Governor to make regulations and gives effect to certain regulations as if they had been enacted in the Act.

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Schedule 1 (30) makes a consequential amendment.
