

[Act 1996 No 62]



New South Wales

Rural Assistance Amendment (Board Membership) Bill 1996

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.*

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Rural Assistance Act 1989* to:

- (a) provide for 2 additional part-time members of the Board of the Rural Assistance Authority (there are currently 4 part-time members who together with the Chief Executive of the Authority make up the Board), and
- (b) provide that the 2 additional part-time members are to have such social welfare, rural counselling or other background as the Minister considers necessary, and
- (c) make a consequential savings amendment.

* Amended in committee—see table at end of volume.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Rural Assistance Act 1989* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 [1] and **[2]** increase the number of part-time members of the Board of the Authority from 4 to 6 and provides that the 2 additional members are to have such backgrounds in social welfare, rural counselling or other areas as the Minister considers necessary to enable the Board to carry out its functions.

Schedule 1 [3] and **[4]** insert consequential savings provisions.