

[Act 1996 No 47]



New South Wales

# Water Amendment (Charges) 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 enable charges to be imposed for the taking and use of water in accordance with a water entitlement under the *Water Act 1912* in the case of any river or lake where the State manages the sharing and use of water. At present the charges concerned are limited by section 22C of that Act to rivers and lakes where the State has undertaken works to augment, stabilise or assure the flow of water.

The Bill will also make it clear that the charges concerned may be fixed at a specified amount rather than only at a specified rate.

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## 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 the date of assent.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Water Act 1912* set out in Schedule 1.

**Schedule 1** amends section 22C of the *Water Act 1912* to give effect to the above object.