

## INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (ADJUSTMENT OF AWARDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1988

NEW SOUTH WALES



### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to provide for the adjustment of the wages and working conditions of employees under State awards following general decisions of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission such as those made in proceedings commonly known as the national wage case.

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**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 that gives effect to the Schedule of proposed amendments to the Principal Act.

### SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (1) amends section 23A of the Principal Act to make it clear that a conciliation committee is bound by section 57 as proposed to be amended.

Schedule 1 (2) amends section 53 of the Principal Act to insert a definition of "Commonwealth decision", which is defined as the decision in a national wage case before the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

Schedule 1 (3) amends section 57 of the Principal Act to provide for—

- (a) consideration by the Industrial Commission of the decision in a national wage case;
  - (b) an order by the Industrial Commission adopting, with or without modification, matters having effect under that decision;
  - (c) the making of future awards and related decisions, and any variations of existing or future awards and related decisions, in a manner consistent with the order;
  - (d) adjustment of the basic wage as a consequence of the order; and
  - (e) appropriate variations of existing awards as a consequence of the order.
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