

[Act 1997 No 20]



# **National Electricity (New South Wales) Bill 1997**

## **Explanatory note**

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

The *Electricity Legislation Amendment (Wholesale Electricity Market) Bill 1997* is cognate with this Bill.

## **Overview of Bill**

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to apply, as a law of New South Wales, the *National Electricity Law* set out in the Schedule to the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* of South Australia, and
- (b) to apply, as regulations for the purposes of that Law, the regulations under Part 4 of that Act.

A copy of the *National Electricity Law* is set out in a note at the end of this Bill.

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## Outline of provisions

### **Part 1 Preliminary**

**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** defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

**Clause 4** provides that the *National Electricity (NSW) Law* and the *National Electricity (NSW) Regulations* bind the Crown.

**Clause 5** provides for the extra-territorial operation of the *National Electricity (NSW) Law* and the *National Electricity (NSW) Regulations*.

### **Part 2 National Electricity (NSW) Law and National Electricity (NSW) Regulations**

**Clause 6** applies, as a law of New South Wales, the *National Electricity Law* set out in the Schedule to the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* of South Australia. The applied Law is to be referred to as the *National Electricity (NSW) Law*.

**Clause 7** applies, as regulations for the purposes of the *National Electricity (NSW) Law*, the regulations in force under Part 4 of the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* of South Australia. The applied regulations are to be referred to as the *National Electricity (NSW) Regulations*.

**Clause 8** defines certain expressions that occur in the *National Electricity (NSW) Law* and the *National Electricity (NSW) Regulations*, being expressions whose meaning necessarily varies according to the jurisdiction within which they are being applied, for the purposes of their application within New South Wales.

### **Part 3 Miscellaneous**

**Clause 9** is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to Acts.

**Clause 10** is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of savings, transitional and other provisions.

**Clause 11** provides for the review of the proposed Act at the end of 5 years after the date of assent.

**Schedule 1** amends the following Acts:

- *Electricity (Pacific Power) Act 1950 No 22*
- *Electricity Safety Act 1945 (1944 No 13)*
- *Electricity Supply Act 1995 No 94*
- *Electricity Transmission Authority Act 1994 No 44*
- *Freedom of Information Act 1989 No 5*
- *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992 No 39*
- *Interpretation Act 1987 No 15*
- *Search Warrants Act 1985 No 37*

**Schedule 2** contains savings, transitional and other provisions, including a provision empowering the Governor to make regulations of a savings or transitional nature.