

Act No. 75

**DEFAMATION (WORKERS COMPENSATION)
AMENDMENT BILL 1987**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Workers Compensation Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Defamation Act 1974 so as to create defences against defamation proceedings arising out of publications in or about proceedings before workers compensation commissioners or review officers under the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 specifies that the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence on a day to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Schedule 1 (1) inserts proposed section 17BB into the Principal Act. The proposed section gives a defence of absolute privilege to publications for the purposes of, and of reports resulting from, proceedings of workers compensation commissioners or review officers.

Schedule 1 (2) amends Schedule 2 to the Principal Act so as to give a defence of fair report for the publication of reports of proceedings or decisions of workers compensation commissioners or review officers.
