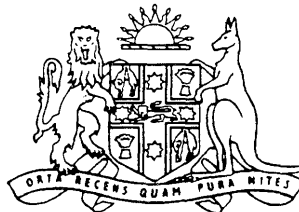


[Act 1998 No 167]



New South Wales

Protection of the Environment Administration Amendment (Environmental Education) Bill 1998

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 *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991* as follows:

- (a) to establish the New South Wales Council on Environmental Education (the *Council*) and to provide for its membership and functions,
- (b) to dissolve the Environmental Education Committee,
- (c) to make other amendments of a minor or consequential nature.

The Bill also amends the *Freedom of Information (General) Regulation 1995* consequentially.

* 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.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 is a formal provision giving effect to the consequential amendment of the *Freedom of Information (General) Regulation 1995* set out in Schedule 2.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991

Schedule 1 [8] inserts a definition of *Council* for the purposes of the Act.

Schedule 1 [9] omits existing provisions relating to the Environmental Education Committee (which is to be dissolved by the proposed Act) and inserts a new Division 3 in Part 6 of the Act relating to the Council. The Division contains the following provisions:

- (a) proposed section 26 which establishes the Council.
- (b) proposed section 27 which provides for the functions of the Council which include:
 - (i) advising the Government on key issues, trends and research requirements relating to environmental education, and
 - (ii) co-ordinating the preparation, and monitoring and reporting on the implementation, of the Government's 3-year plans for environmental education.
- (c) proposed section 28 which provides for the membership of the Council.
- (d) proposed section 28A which makes it clear that the proposed Division does not affect the operation of the *Education Act 1990* or the *Technical and Further Education Commission Act 1990*.

Schedule 1 [1], [7] and [10]–[15] make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [16]–[18] make amendments of a savings or transitional nature. Those amendments contain a provision dissolving the Environmental Education Committee.

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Schedule 1 [2]–[6] contain minor amendments consequent on the enactment of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

**Schedule 2 Consequential amendment of Freedom of
Information (General) Regulation 1995**

Schedule 2 replaces the reference to the Environmental Education Committee in the Regulation with a reference to the Council.