

**HUMAN TISSUE (CORNEA TRANSPLANTS)  
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 amend the Human Tissue Act 1983 to facilitate the removal of tissue from a deceased person where the tissue is removed for the purpose of cornea transplants. Under the Principal Act as it presently stands, only a medical practitioner may remove tissue from the body of a deceased person. The Bill will enable the Secretary of the Department of Health to appoint, in writing, a suitable person who is not a medical practitioner to remove tissue for the purpose of cornea transplants. The Bill does not change any other requirement of the Principal Act.

South Australia (1984), Western Australia (1987) and Victoria (1987) have passed legislation to enable approved persons, other than medical practitioners, to remove tissue for the purpose of cornea transplants.

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**Clause 1** specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides that the proposed Act is to commence on a proclaimed day.

**Clause 3** amends section 27 of the Human Tissue Act 1983 to achieve the object of the Bill.

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