

COMPENSATION COURT (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 Compensation Court Act 1984 as a consequence of the enactment of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 and, in particular, as a consequence of the appointment of workers compensation commissioners with unlimited jurisdiction (instead of commissioners of the Compensation Court with limited jurisdiction).

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence on such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Schedule 1 (1)–(3) make amendments consequential on the enactment of the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

Schedule 1 (4) deletes provisions relating to the award of costs that are to be enacted in the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

Schedule 1 (5) and (6) provide for payment of interest on awards in line with payment of interest on judgments of other courts.

Schedule 1 (7) omits provision relating to medical panels that is provided for in the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

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Schedule 1 (8) and (9) make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (10) clarifies the power of a Judge to hold pre-hearing conferences.

Schedule 1 (11)–(15) make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (16) removes the Senior Workers Compensation Commissioner from the Rules Committee of the Compensation Court.

Schedule 1 (17) ensures that the Workers Compensation Act 1987 and the regulations under that Act prevail over any inconsistent rule of Court.

Schedule 1 (18) and (19) make consequential amendments.
