



New South Wales

Sydney Water Catchment Management Amendment (Board Members) Bill 2012

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 *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998* to change the constitution of the Sydney Catchment Authority Board (the **Board**) so as to provide that the members who are appointed by the Minister must each or together have a specific range of relevant qualifications, experience, knowledge and expertise.

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 on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998 No 171

Schedule 1 [1] provides that the members of the Board who are appointed by the Minister must each or together have specified relevant qualifications, experience,

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knowledge and expertise and such other expertise as the Minister considers necessary for the Sydney Catchment Authority to realise its objectives. For example, the specified qualifications and expertise include those relevant to catchment management and protection and water supply planning and asset management.

Currently, the Minister must appoint members to the Board who each or together have expertise in the areas of the protection of the environment and public health and such other expertise as the Minister considers necessary for the Authority to realise its objectives. Two of those appointed members must be nominees of specific stakeholder groups and one other must be an elected councillor of a local government area within the catchment area.

Schedule 1 [2] enables regulations to be made containing savings and transitional provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act. **Schedule 1 [3]** contains specific transitional provisions.

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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998* with respect to the constitution of the Sydney Catchment Authority Board.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Sydney Water Catchment Management Amendment (Board Members) Act 2012</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on a day to be appointed by proclamation.	6

Schedule 1	Amendment of Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998 No 171	1
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[1] Section 7		3
	Omit the section. Insert instead:	4
7 Board		5
(1)	There is to be a Sydney Catchment Authority Board.	6
(2)	The Board is to consist of:	7
(a)	the Chief Executive, and	8
(b)	not fewer than 4 and not more than 8 members appointed by the Minister.	9
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(3)	The members of the Board appointed by the Minister are to be persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, each or together have the following:	11
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(a)	qualifications and experience relevant to catchment management and protection,	14
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(b)	qualifications and experience relevant to water quality and public health,	16
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(c)	qualifications and experience relevant to running a commercial entity,	18
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(d)	qualifications and experience relevant to water supply planning and asset management,	20
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(e)	practical knowledge of, and experience in, agriculture and industry in the catchment area,	22
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(f)	practical knowledge of, and experience in, local government and planning in the catchment area,	24
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(g)	such other expertise as the Minister considers necessary to realise the objectives of the SCA.	26
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(4)	The Minister may advertise publicly for appointments to the Board.	28
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(5)	Schedule 1 contains provisions with respect to the constitution and procedure of the Board.	30
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[2] Schedule 6 Savings, transitional and other provisions		32
	Insert at the end of clause 1 (1):	33
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[3] Schedule 6, Part 5	1
Insert after Part 4:	2
Part 5 Provisions consequent on enactment of Sydney Water Catchment Management Amendment (Board Members) Act 2012	3 4 5
18 Sydney Catchment Authority Board	6
(1) On the commencement of the <i>Sydney Water Catchment Management Amendment (Board Members) Act 2012</i> , a person who was, immediately before that commencement, a member of the Board appointed by the Minister ceases to hold that office but is eligible (if otherwise qualified) for re-appointment as a member of the Board.	7 8 9 10 11 12
(2) A person is not entitled to any compensation for ceasing to hold an office because of the operation of this clause.	13 14