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# Telecommunications (Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Act 1987 No 290



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An Act to enable certain State authorities to be declared to be agencies for the purposes of the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979* of the Commonwealth.

## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of Act

This Act may be cited as the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Act 1987*.

### 2 Commencement

This Act shall commence on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

### 3 Definitions

(1) In this Act—

**agency** means—

- (a) the Australian Federal Police,
- (b) the Australian Crime Commission,
- (c) the Police Force,
- (d) the New South Wales Crime Commission,
- (e) the Independent Commission Against Corruption,
- (e1) the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, or
- (e2) (Repealed)
- (f) any authority of another State or a Territory in relation to which a declaration under section 34 of the Commonwealth Act is in force.

**certifying officer**, in relation to an eligible authority, means—

- (a) in the case of the Police Force—
  - (i) the Commissioner of Police, or
  - (ii) a Deputy Commissioner of Police, or
  - (iii) an officer whose rank is equivalent to that of Assistant Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police, or
  - (iv) an officer who is authorised to be a certifying officer of the Police Force under section 5AC (4) of the Commonwealth Act, or
- (b) in the case of the New South Wales Crime Commission—
  - (i) an executive officer of that Commission, or
  - (ii) a member of the staff of that Commission who is authorised to be a certifying officer of the Commission under section 5AC (5) of the Commonwealth Act, or
- (c) in the case of the Independent Commission Against Corruption—
  - (i) the Chief Commissioner or any other Commissioner of that Commission, or
  - (ii) an Assistant Commissioner of that Commission, or
  - (iii) an officer who is authorised to be a certifying officer of that Commission under section 5AC (9A) of the Commonwealth Act, or
- (d) in the case of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission—
  - (i) the Chief Commissioner of that Commission, or
  - (ii) the Commissioner of that Commission, or
  - (iii) an officer who is authorised to be a certifying officer of that Commission under section 5AC (8) of the Commonwealth Act.
- (e) (Repealed)

**chief officer**, in relation to an eligible authority, means—

- (a) in the case of the Police Force—the Commissioner of Police, or
- (b) in the case of the New South Wales Crime Commission—the Commissioner of that Commission, or
- (c) in the case of the Independent Commission Against Corruption—the Chief Commissioner of that Commission, or
- (d) in the case of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission—the Chief Commissioner of that Commission.

(e) (Repealed)

**eligible authority** means—

- (a) the Police Force, or
- (b) the New South Wales Crime Commission, or
- (c) the Independent Commission Against Corruption, or
- (d) the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, or
- (e) (Repealed)
- (f) the Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.
- (g) (Repealed)

**inspecting officer** means the Inspector, or an Assistant Inspector, of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission.

**in the possession of**, in relation to a document, record or copy, includes in the custody of or under the control of.

**officer**, in relation to an eligible authority, means—

- (a) in the case of the Police Force—an officer of the Police Force, or
- (b) in the case of the New South Wales Crime Commission—an executive officer, or a member of the staff, of that Commission, or
- (c) in the case of the Independent Commission Against Corruption—an officer (as defined by the [Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988](#)) of that Commission, or
- (d) in the case of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission—an officer of the Commission (as defined in the [Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016](#)).
- (e) (Repealed)

**Part 2-5 warrant** means a warrant issued or to be issued under Part 2-5 of the Commonwealth Act.

**permitted purpose**, in relation to an eligible authority, means—

- (a) in any case—
  - (i) an investigation by the authority of a prescribed offence within the meaning of the Commonwealth Act, or
  - (ii) the making by an authority, body or person of a decision whether or not to

- begin a relevant proceeding in relation to the authority, or
- (iii) a relevant proceeding in relation to the authority, or
- (iv) the exercise by the chief officer of the authority of the powers conferred by section 68 of the Commonwealth Act, or
- (v) an inspection of the authority's records that is made under section 10, or
- (vi) a report on such an inspection, or
- (vii) the keeping of records by the authority under sections 4 and 5, or
- (b) in the case of the Police Force—
  - (i) an investigation of, or an inquiry into, alleged misbehaviour, or alleged improper conduct, of an officer of the State of New South Wales, being an investigation or inquiry under a law of this State or by a person in the person's capacity as an officer of this State, or
  - (ii) a report on such an investigation or inquiry, or
  - (iii) the making by a person of a decision in relation to the appointment, re-appointment, term of appointment, retirement or termination of appointment of an officer or member of staff of the Police Force, or
  - (iv) a review (whether by way of appeal or otherwise) of such a decision, or
  - (v) the tendering to the Governor of advice to terminate, because of misbehaviour or improper conduct, the appointment of an officer of this State, or
  - (vi) deliberations of the Executive Council in connection with advice to the Governor to terminate, because of misbehaviour or improper conduct, the appointment of an officer of this State, or
- (c) in the case of the Independent Commission Against Corruption—
  - (i) an investigation under the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* into whether corrupt conduct (within the meaning of that Act) may have occurred, may be occurring or may be about to occur, or
  - (ii) a report on such an investigation, or
- (d) in the case of the Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption—
  - (i) dealing with (by reports and recommendations) complaints of abuse of power, impropriety or other forms of misconduct (within the meaning of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*) on the part of the Independent Commission Against Corruption or officers of that Commission, or

- (ii) dealing with (by reports and recommendations) conduct amounting to maladministration (within the meaning of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*) by the Independent Commission Against Corruption or officers of that Commission, or
- (e) in the case of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission—
  - (i) an investigation under section 51 (1) (a), (b) or (c) of the *Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016*, or
  - (ii) a report on an investigation covered by subparagraph (i), or
  - (iii) the tendering to the Governor of advice to terminate, because of misbehaviour or improper conduct, the appointment of the Commissioner of Police, or
  - (iv) deliberations of the Executive Council in connection with advice to the Governor to terminate, because of misbehaviour or improper conduct, the appointment of the Commissioner of Police.
- (f) (Repealed)

**premises** includes—

- (a) any land,
- (b) any structure, building, aircraft, vehicle, vessel or place (whether built on or not), and
- (c) any part of such a structure, building, aircraft, vehicle, vessel or place.

**record** means—

- (a) in relation to information—a record or copy, whether in writing or otherwise, of the whole or a part of the information,
- (b) in relation to an interception, whether or not in contravention of section 7 (1) of the Commonwealth Act, of a communication—
  - (i) a record or copy, whether in writing or otherwise, of the whole or a part of the communication, being a record or copy made by means of the interception, or
  - (ii) a record or copy, whether in writing or otherwise, of the whole or a part of a record or copy that is, by virtue of any other application or applications of this definition, a record obtained by the interception, or
- (c) in relation to a warrant under section 11A of the Commonwealth Act—
  - (i) the whole or a part of a copy of a telegram made under the warrant, or



- (ii) a record or copy, whether in writing or otherwise, of the whole or a part of a record or copy that is, by virtue of any other application or applications of this definition, a record obtained by virtue of the warrant.

**restricted record** means a record, other than a copy, that was obtained by means of an interception, whether or not in contravention of section 7 (1) of the Commonwealth Act, of a communication passing over a telecommunications system.

**the Commonwealth Act** means the [Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Act 1979](#) of the Commonwealth.

**the Police Force** means the New South Wales Police Force.

**warrant** means a warrant issued under the Commonwealth Act.

- (2) Expressions used in this Act which are not elsewhere defined in this section, have the same meanings as in the Commonwealth Act.
- (3) In this Act—
  - (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
  - (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.
- (4) Notes included in this Act do not form part of this Act.

### **3A Information or question relevant to inspection by inspecting officer**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, information or a question is relevant to an inspection of an eligible authority's records under Part 3 if the information or question is about—
  - (a) the location of any of those records, or
  - (b) the making, compilation or keeping of any of those records, or
  - (c) the accuracy or completeness of any of those records, or
  - (d) any matter to which any of those records relates, or
  - (e) in the case where the inspecting officer suspects on reasonable grounds that an officer of the authority has contravened this Act or the Commonwealth Act—any matter relating to the suspected contravention.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) limits the generality of a reference in this Act to information, or to a question, that is relevant to an inspection of an eligible authority's records.

## **Part 2 Functions of eligible authorities**

### **4 Eligible authority to keep documents connected with issue of warrants**

The chief officer of an eligible authority shall cause to be kept in the authority's records—

- (a) each warrant issued to the authority (or a copy of any such warrant that is certified in writing by a certifying officer of the authority to be a true copy of the warrant),
- (b) a copy of each notification under section 59A (2) of the Commonwealth Act of the issue of such a warrant,
- (c) each instrument revoking such a warrant,
- (d) a copy of each certificate issued under section 61 (4) of the Commonwealth Act by a certifying officer of the authority, and
- (e) a copy of each authorisation by the chief officer under section 66 (2) of the Commonwealth Act.

### **5 Other records to be kept by an eligible authority in connection with interceptions**

(1) The chief officer of an eligible authority shall cause—

- (a) particulars of each telephone application for a Part 2-5 warrant made by the authority,
- (b) in relation to each application by the authority for a Part 2-5 warrant, a statement as to whether—
  - (i) the application was withdrawn or refused, or
  - (ii) a warrant was issued on the application,
- (b1) in relation to each Part 2-5 warrant whose authority is exercised by the eligible authority, particulars of—
  - (i) the warrant, and
  - (ii) the day on which, and the time at which, each interception under the warrant began, and
  - (iii) the duration of each such interception, and
  - (iv) the name of the person who carried out each such interception, and
  - (v) in relation to a named person warrant—each service to or from which communications have been intercepted under the warrant,
- (c) in relation to each restricted record that has at any time been in the possession of

the authority, particulars of—

- (i) if the restricted record is a record obtained by an interception under a warrant issued to the authority—that warrant,
  - (ii) each occasion when the restricted record came (whether by its making or otherwise) to be in the possession of the authority,
  - (iii) each occasion (if any) when the restricted record ceased (whether by its destruction or otherwise) to be in the possession of the authority, and
  - (iv) each agency or other body (if any) from or to which, or other person (if any) from or to whom, the authority received or supplied the restricted record,
- (d) particulars of each use made by the authority of lawfully obtained information,
- (e) particulars of each communication of lawfully obtained information by an officer of the authority to a person or body other than such an officer, and
- (f) particulars of each occasion when, to the knowledge of an officer of the authority, lawfully obtained information was given in evidence in a relevant proceeding in relation to the authority,

to be recorded in writing or by means of a computer as soon as practicable after the happening of the events to which the particulars relate or the statement relates, as the case may be.

- (1A) If a Part 2-5 warrant is a named person warrant, the particulars referred to in subsection (1) (b1) (ii) must indicate the service in respect of which each interception occurred.
- (2) The chief officer of an eligible authority shall cause to be kept in the authority's records each record that the chief officer has caused to be made under this section.

## **6 Documents to be given by an eligible authority to the Minister**

The chief officer of an eligible authority shall give to the Minister—

- (a) (Repealed)
- (b) within 3 months after a warrant issued to the authority ceases to be in force, a written report about—
  - (i) the use made by the authority of information obtained by interceptions under the warrant, and
  - (ii) the communication of that information to persons other than officers of the authority, and

- (c) as soon as practicable, and in any event within 3 months, after each 30 June, a written report that sets out such information as—
  - (i) Division 2 of Part 2-8 of the Commonwealth Act requires to be set out in the Minister's report under that Division relating to the year ending on that 30 June, and
  - (ii) can be derived from the authority's records.

## **7 Documents to be given by State Minister to Commonwealth Minister**

The Minister is to give the Minister administering the Commonwealth Act a report of a kind referred to in section 6 (b) or (c) as soon as practicable after the report is given to the Minister.

## **8 Keeping and destruction of restricted records**

- (1) The chief officer of an eligible authority shall cause a restricted record (whether made before or after the commencement of section 35 of the Commonwealth Act) that is in the possession of the authority to be kept, except when it is being otherwise dealt with in accordance with the Commonwealth Act and this Act, in a secure place where it is not accessible to persons other than persons who are entitled so to deal with it.
- (2) The chief officer of an eligible authority shall cause a restricted record of a kind referred to in subsection (1) to be destroyed forthwith where the chief officer is satisfied that the restricted record is not likely to be required for a permitted purpose in relation to the authority, other than a purpose connected with an inspection of the kind referred to in section 11 or with a report on such an inspection.

## **Part 3 Functions of inspecting officers**

### **9 Functions—generally**

An inspecting officer may—

- (a) inspect an eligible authority's records in order to ascertain the extent of compliance by the authority's officers with Part 2, and
- (b) report to the Minister about the results of those inspections, and
- (c) do anything incidental or conducive to the performance of any of the preceding functions.

### **10 Regular inspections of an eligible authority's records**

- (1) An inspecting officer must inspect the records of an eligible authority at least twice during each financial year in order to ascertain the extent to which the authority's officers have complied with Part 2 since the last inspection under this Part (whether before or after the commencement of this section as substituted by the [Law](#)

*Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016).*

- (2) The inspecting officer may at any time inspect an authority's records in order to ascertain the extent to which the authority's officers have complied during any period with Part 2.

## **11 Reports**

- (1) An inspecting officer must, as soon as practicable, and in any event within 3 months, after the end of each financial year, report to the Minister in writing, in relation to an eligible authority, about the results of the inspections under section 10 (1), during that financial year, of the authority's records.
- (2) The inspecting officer must include the following in each report under subsection (1) in relation to a financial year—
  - (a) a summary of the inspections conducted in the financial year under section 10,
  - (b) particulars of any deficiencies identified that impact on the integrity of the telecommunications interception regime established by the Commonwealth Act,
  - (c) particulars of the remedial action (if any) taken or proposed to be taken to address those deficiencies.

### **Note—**

In complying with this section, the inspecting officer remains bound by section 63 of the Commonwealth Act, which prohibits the disclosure of intercepted information or designated warrant information.

- (3) The inspecting officer may report to the Minister in writing at any time about the results of an inspection under this Part and must do so if so requested by the Minister.
- (4) The inspecting officer must give a copy of a report under subsection (1) or (3) to the chief officer of the eligible authority to which the report relates.

## **12 Inspecting officer may report on breaches**

Where, as a result of an inspection under this Part of the records of an eligible authority, the inspecting officer is of the opinion that an officer of the authority has contravened—

- (a) a provision of the Commonwealth Act, or
- (b) a requirement referred to in section 6 (b) or (c),

the inspecting officer may include in the inspecting officer's report on the inspection a report on the contravention.

## **13 Inspecting officer's general powers**

- (1) For the purposes of an inspection under this Part of an eligible authority's records, the

inspecting officer—

- (a) may, after notifying the chief officer of the authority, enter at any reasonable time premises occupied by the authority, and
  - (b) is entitled to have full and free access at all reasonable times to all records of the authority, and
  - (c) despite any other law, is entitled to make copies of, and to take extracts from, records of the authority, and
  - (d) may require an officer of the authority to give the inspecting officer such information as the inspecting officer considers necessary, being information that is in the officer's possession, or to which the officer has access, and that is relevant to the inspection.
- (2) The chief officer of an eligible authority must ensure that the authority's officers provide to the inspecting officer such assistance in connection with the exercise of the inspecting officer's functions under this Part as the inspecting officer reasonably requires.

#### **14 Power to obtain relevant information**

- (1) If the inspecting officer has reason to believe that an officer of the eligible authority is able to give information relevant to an inspection under this Part of the authority's records, subsections (2) and (3) have effect.
- (2) The inspecting officer may, by writing given to the officer, require the officer to give the information to the inspecting officer—
  - (a) by writing signed by the officer, and
  - (b) at a specified place and within a specified period.
- (3) The inspecting officer may, by writing given to the officer, require the officer to attend—
  - (a) before a specified inspecting officer, and
  - (b) at a specified place, and
  - (c) within a specified period or at a specified time on a specified day,in order to answer questions relevant to the inspection.
- (4) If the inspecting officer—
  - (a) has reason to believe that an officer of an eligible authority is able to give information relevant to an inspection under this Part of the authority's records, and

(b) does not know the officer's identity,

the inspecting officer may, by writing given to the chief officer of the authority, require the chief officer, or a person nominated by the chief officer, to attend—

(c) before a specified inspecting officer, and

(d) at a specified place, and

(e) within a specified period or at a specified time on a specified day,

in order to answer questions relevant to the inspection.

- (5) The place, and the period or the time and day, specified in a requirement under this section must be reasonable having regard to the circumstances in which the requirement is made.

### **15 Inspecting officer to be given information and access despite other laws**

- (1) Despite any other law, a person is not excused from giving information, answering a question, or giving access to a document, as and when required by or under this Part, on the ground that giving the information, answering the question or giving access to the document, as the case may be, would contravene a law, would be contrary to the public interest or might tend to incriminate the person or make the person liable to a penalty, but—

(a) the information, the answer, or the fact that the person has so given access to the document, as the case may be, and

(b) any information or thing (including a document) obtained as a direct or indirect consequence of giving the firstmentioned information, answering the question or giving access to the firstmentioned document, as the case may be,

is not admissible in evidence against the person except in a proceeding by way of a prosecution for an offence against section 22.

- (2) Nothing in any other law prevents an officer of an eligible authority from—

(a) giving information to an inspecting officer (whether orally or in writing and whether or not in answer to a question), or

(b) giving to an inspecting officer access to a record of the authority,

for the purposes of an inspection under this Part of the authority's records.

- (3) Nothing in any other law prevents an officer of an eligible authority from making a record of information, or causing a record of information to be made, for the purposes of giving the information to a person as permitted by subsection (2).

## **16 Dealing with information for the purposes of inspection and report**

If—

- (a) information is given or communicated to an inspecting officer, as permitted by section 15 (2) or this section, for the purposes of an inspection, or of a report on an inspection, under this Part of an eligible authority's records, or
- (b) an inspecting officer obtains information as a result of being given access to records of an eligible authority, as permitted by section 15 (2), for the purposes of an inspection under this Part of the authority's records,

the inspecting officer may, despite any other law, communicate to another inspecting officer, make use of, or make a record of, the information for the purposes of an inspection, or of a report on an inspection, under this Part of the authority's records.

## **17 Inspecting officer not to be sued**

Subject to the provisions applying by virtue of section 19, an inspecting officer, or a person acting under an inspecting officer's direction or authority, is not liable to an action, suit or proceeding for or in relation to an act done, or omitted to be done, in good faith in the exercise, or the purported exercise, of a function conferred by this Part.

## **18 Delegation by inspecting officer**

An inspecting officer may delegate to a member of staff of the inspecting officer, other than a member of the NSW Police Force, any of the inspecting officer's functions, other than—

- (a) this power of delegation, and
- (b) a power to report to the Minister.

## **19 Secrecy and confidentiality**

- (1) Anything that an inspecting officer has done or omitted to do under this Part must not be included in a report or special report under Division 2 of Part 11 of the [Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016](#).
- (2) Subject to sections 13 (1) (c) and 16, an inspecting officer must not, directly or indirectly, except for the purposes of, and in accordance with, this Act—
  - (a) make a record of any information, or
  - (b) disclose or communicate to any person any information,being information acquired by the inspecting officer by reason of, or in the course of, the exercise of the inspecting officer's functions under this Act.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.



- (3) An inspecting officer is not compellable, in any legal proceedings, to give evidence or produce documents acquired by the inspecting officer by reason of, or in the course of, the exercise of the inspecting officer's functions under this Act.

#### **19A Exchange of information between inspecting officer and Commonwealth Ombudsman**

- (1) An inspecting officer may enter into an arrangement (an **information sharing arrangement**) with the Commonwealth Ombudsman for the purpose of sharing or exchanging information held by the inspecting officer and the Commonwealth Ombudsman.
- (2) The information to which an information sharing arrangement may relate is limited to the following—
- (a) information concerning eligible authorities,
  - (b) any other information relevant to the exercise of the respective functions of the inspecting officer and Commonwealth Ombudsman under this Act and the Commonwealth Act.
- (3) Under an information sharing arrangement, the inspecting officer and the Commonwealth Ombudsman are, despite any other Act or other law of the State, authorised—
- (a) to request and receive information held by the other party to the arrangement, and
  - (b) to disclose information to the other party,
- but only to the extent that the information is reasonably necessary to assist in the exercise of functions of the inspecting officer under this Act or the functions of the Commonwealth Ombudsman under the Commonwealth Act.
- (4) This section does not limit the operation of any Act under which the inspecting officer or the Commonwealth Ombudsman is authorised or required to disclose information to another person or body.
- (5) In this section—

**Commonwealth Ombudsman** means the Commonwealth Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act 1976* of the Commonwealth.

## **Part 4 Miscellaneous**

### **20 Copies of reports for Commonwealth Minister**

The Minister shall give the Minister administering the Commonwealth Act, as soon as practicable after a report on an inspection of the kind referred to in section 11 is given to the Minister, a copy of the report.

## **21 Disclosure by persons under the Minister's administration**

A person, other than an inspecting officer, engaged in the administration of this Act shall not disclose any information or record obtained by the person in the administration of this Act, unless the disclosure is made—

- (a) in accordance with the Commonwealth Act,
- (b) for the purpose of any proceedings under—
  - (i) section 37 of the *Ombudsman Act 1974*,
  - (ii) Part 3 of the *Royal Commissions Act 1923*,
  - (iii) Part 4 of the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983*,
  - (iv) section 25, 27 or 29 of the *Crime Commission Act 2012*, or
  - (v) Part 9 of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*, or
  - (vi) the *Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016*.
  - (vii) (Repealed)
- (c) for the purpose of discharging the person's functions under this or any other Act.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

## **22 Offences relating to inspections under Part 3**

- (1) A person shall not, without reasonable excuse, refuse or fail—
  - (a) to attend before a person,
  - (b) to furnish information, or
  - (c) to answer a question,when required under section 14 to do so.
- (2) A person shall not—
  - (a) without reasonable excuse, wilfully obstruct, hinder or resist a person in connection with the exercise of an inspecting officer's functions under Part 3, or
  - (b) give to an inspecting officer, in connection with an inspection under Part 3, information or a statement that the firstmentioned person knows to be false or misleading in a material particular.

Penalty: 10 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months.

## **23 Proceedings for offences**

Proceedings for an offence against this Act or the regulations shall be dealt with summarily before the Local Court.

## **24 Regulations**

- (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.
- (2) A regulation may create an offence punishable by a penalty not exceeding 5 penalty units.

## **25 Savings, transitional and other provisions**

Schedule 1 has effect.

## **Schedule 1 Savings, transitional and other provisions**

(Section 25)

## **Part 1 General**

### **1 Regulations**

- (1) The regulations may contain provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the following Acts—  
*Telecommunications (Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Amendment Act 2009*
- (2) Any such provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect from the date of assent to the Act concerned or a later date.
- (3) To the extent to which any such provision takes effect from a date that is earlier than the date of its publication in the Gazette, the provision does not operate so as—
  - (a) to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State or an authority of the State), the rights of that person existing before the date of its publication, or
  - (b) to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State or an authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication.

## **Part 2 Provisions consequent on enactment of *Telecommunications***

## **(Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Amendment Act 2009**

### **2 Definition**

In this Part—

**amending Act** means the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Amendment Act 2009*.

### **3 Application of amendments**

- (1) Section 3A (as inserted by the amending Act) extends to the inspection of the records of an eligible authority even if the records were made (or required to be made) before the commencement of the section.
- (2) Section 7 (as in force immediately before its substitution by the amending Act) continues to have effect in relation to documents given to the Minister before that substitution.