



New South Wales

Universities Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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 following Acts (*university Acts*) in relation to the university's governing authority's power regarding land and property and, in some cases, the sub-delegation of functions delegated to vice-chancellors—

- (a) *Charles Sturt University Act 1989*,
- (b) *Macquarie University Act 1989*,
- (c) *Southern Cross University Act 1993*,
- (d) *University of New England Act 1993*,
- (e) *University of New South Wales Act 1989*,
- (f) *University of Newcastle Act 1989*,
- (g) *University of Sydney Act 1989*,
- (h) *University of Technology Sydney Act 1989*,
- (i) *University of Wollongong Act 1989*,
- (j) *Western Sydney University Act 1997*.

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 the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedules 1[1], 3[1], 4[1], 5[1] and 7[1] amend the *Charles Sturt University Act 1989*, the *Southern Cross University Act 1993*, the *University of New England Act 1993*, the *University of New South Wales Act 1989* and the *University of Sydney Act 1989* respectively to allow the vice-chancellors of the universities to sub-delegate functions to certain persons if the governing authority has delegated the functions to the Vice-Chancellor and authorised the further sub-delegation.

Schedules 1[2], 2, 3[2], 4[2], 5[2], 6, 7[2] and 8–10 replace the provisions relating to the relevant governing authority's powers regarding land and property to—

- (a) clarify the circumstances in which Ministerial approval is required for transactions relating to land the university acquired from the State at nominal or less than market value, and
- (b) ensure consistency across the university Acts.