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STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL) BILL/2025

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Need: Why is the policy needed based on factual evidence and stakeholder input?

The Commonwealth Government abolished the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on 14 October 2024, and established a new federal administrative review body, named the Administrative Review Tribunal. Accordingly, this Bill introduces a range of consequential amendments to relevant NSW legislation and legislative instruments to remove references to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* (Cth) and replace them with references to the Administrative Review Tribunal and the *Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2024* (Cth).

Objectives: What is the policy's objective couched in terms of the public interest?

The amendments made by this Bill are necessary to maintain an effective and functioning justice system and regulatory framework. There is strong public interest in ensuring that the law keeps pace with developments in the legal system, is consistent with Commonwealth legislation and can effectively achieve its intended purposes.

Options: What alternative policies and mechanisms were considered in advance of the bill?

The identified issues and outcomes targeted in this Bill can only be achieved through legislative amendment.

Analysis: What were the pros/cons and benefits/costs of each option considered?

If the amendments were not made, relevant legislation would not appropriately reflect developments in the Commonwealth legal system.

Pathway: What are the timetable and steps for the policy's rollout and who will administer it?

The amendments in this Bill will commence on assent. Once the relevant provisions in the Bill commence, the amendments will take effect. No operational changes need to be made in relation to the amendments.

Consultation: Were the views of affected stakeholders sought and considered in making the policy?

The proposals in the Bill are minor and technical in nature with no policy impact. Accordingly, no stakeholder consultation was required.