



New South Wales

# Cultural Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

## 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 to increase the membership of the governing bodies of certain New South Wales cultural institutions to include at least one person (a *young person*) who, at the time of appointment as a member, is at least 18 years of age and not more than 28 years of age—

- (a) the *Art Gallery of New South Wales Act 1980*,
- (b) the *Australian Museum Trust Act 1975*,
- (c) the *Library Act 1939*,
- (d) the *Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Act 1945*,
- (e) the *Museums of History NSW Act 2022*,
- (f) the *Sydney Opera House Trust Act 1961*.

## 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.

## **Schedule 1      Amendment of Art Gallery of New South Wales Act 1980 No 65**

**Schedule 1[1] and [2]** increase the number of trustees of the Art Gallery of New South Wales Trust by one and provides that at least one young person be appointed as a trustee. **Schedule 1[3]** makes a consequential amendment.

## **Schedule 2      Amendment of Australian Museum Trust Act 1975 No 95**

**Schedule 2[1]–[3]** increase the number of trustees of the Australian Museum Trust by one and provides that at least one young person be appointed as a trustee. **Schedule 2[4]** makes a consequential amendment.

## **Schedule 3      Amendment of Library Act 1939 No 40**

**Schedule 3[1]–[3]** increase the number of members of the Library Council of New South Wales by one and provides that at least one young person be appointed as a member. **Schedule 3[4]** makes a consequential amendment.

## **Schedule 4      Amendment of Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Act 1945 No 31**

**Schedule 4[1]–[3]** increase the number of trustees of the Trustees of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences by one and provides that at least one young person be appointed as a trustee. **Schedule 4[4]** makes a consequential amendment.

## **Schedule 5      Amendment of Museums of History NSW Act 2022 No 42**

**Schedule 5** increases the number of members of the Board of Museums of History New South Wales by one and provides that at least one young person be appointed as a member.

## **Schedule 6      Amendment of Sydney Opera House Trust Act 1961 No 9**

**Schedule 6[1]–[3]** increase the number of trustees of The Sydney Opera House Trust by one and provides that at least one young person be appointed as a trustee. **Schedule 6[4]** makes a consequential amendment.



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*This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council*

*Clerk of the Parliaments*



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## **Cultural Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2025**

No. \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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### **A Bill for**

An Act to amend legislation establishing certain New South Wales cultural institutions to increase the membership of the governing body of each institution to include at least one young person.

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*The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.*

*Legislative Assembly*

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

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**Tabling copy**

**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—**

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**1 Name of Act**

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This Act is the *Cultural Institutions Legislation Amendment Act 2025*.

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**2 Commencement**

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This Act commences on 1 October 2025.

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<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendment of Art Gallery of New South Wales Act 1980 No 65</b>	1
		2
<b>[1] Section 6 Appointment and procedure</b>		3
	Omit section 6(1). Insert instead—	4
	(1) The Trust consists of 12 trustees appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister.	5 6
	(1A) The trustees of the Trust must include—	7
	(a) at least 2 persons who have knowledge of, and experience in, the visual arts, and	8 9
	(b) at least one young person.	10
<b>[2] Section 6(3)</b>		11
	Insert after section 6(2)—	12
	(3) In this section—	13
	<i>young person</i> means a person who, at the time of appointment as a trustee, is—	14 15
	(a) at least 18 years of age, and	16
	(b) not more than 28 years of age.	17
<b>[3] Schedule 1 Provisions relating to trustees and procedure of the Trust</b>		18
	Omit clause 9(3). Insert instead—	19
	(3) A quorum for a meeting of the Trust is a majority of trustees for the time being.	20

<b>Schedule 2</b>	<b>Amendment of Australian Museum Trust Act 1975</b>	1
	<b>No 95</b>	2
<b>[1] Section 6 Appointment and procedure</b>		3
	Omit “11” from section 6(1). Insert instead “12”.	4
<b>[2] Schedule 1 Composition and procedure of the Trust</b>		5
	Omit “culture.” in clause 1(c). Insert instead—	6
	culture, and	7
	(d) at least one young person.	8
<b>[3] Schedule 1, clause 1(2)</b>		9
	Insert at the end of clause 1—	10
	(2) In this clause—	11
	<i>young person</i> means a person who, at the time of appointment as a trustee,	12
	is—	13
	(a) at least 18 years of age, and	14
	(b) not more than 28 years of age.	15
<b>[4] Schedule 1, clause 9(5)</b>		16
	Omit the subclause. Insert instead—	17
	(5) A quorum for a meeting of the Trust is a majority of trustees for the time being.	18

<b>Schedule 3</b>	<b>Amendment of Library Act 1939 No 40</b>	1
<b>[1] Section 4 Appointment and procedure</b>		2
	Omit “9” from section 4(1). Insert instead “10”.	3
<b>[2] Schedule 1 Composition and procedure of the Council</b>		4
	Omit “government.” from clause 1(b). Insert instead—	5
	government, and	6
	(c) at least one young person.	7
<b>[3] Schedule 1, clause 1(2)</b>		8
	Insert at the end of the clause—	9
	(2) In this clause—	10
	<i>young person</i> means a person who, at the time of appointment as a member,	11
	is—	12
	(a) at least 18 years of age, and	13
	(b) not more than 28 years of age.	14
<b>[4] Schedule 1, clause 9(2)</b>		15
	Omit the subclause. Insert instead—	16
	(2) A quorum for a meeting of the Council is a majority of members for the time	17
	being.	18



<b>Schedule 4</b>	<b>Amendment of Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Act 1945 No 31</b>	1
		2
<b>[1] Section 3 Trustees</b>		3
	Omit “nine” from section 3(1). Insert instead “10”.	4
<b>[2] Section 4 Appointment of trustees</b>		5
	Omit “education.” from section 4(2)(b). Insert instead—	6
	education, and	7
	(c) at least one young person.	8
<b>[3] Section 4(6)</b>		9
	Insert after section 4(5A)—	10
	(6) In this section—	11
	<i>young person</i> means a person who, at the time of appointment as a trustee,	12
	is—	13
	(a) at least 18 years of age, and	14
	(b) not more than 28 years of age.	15
<b>[4] Section 9 Procedure, quorum etc</b>		16
	Omit section 9(2). Insert instead—	17
	(2) A quorum for a meeting of the trustees is a majority of trustees for the time	18
	being.	19

<b>Schedule 5</b>	<b>Amendment of Museums of History NSW Act</b>	1
	<b>2022 No 42</b>	2
<b>[1] Section 7 Board of Museums of History NSW</b>		3
	Omit “11” from section 7(3). Insert instead “12”.	4
<b>[2] Section 7(4)(c)</b>		5
	Omit “cultures.”. Insert instead—	6
	cultures,	7
	(d) at least one young person.	8
<b>[3] Section 7(7)</b>		9
	Insert after section 7(6)—	10
	(7) In this section—	11
	<i>young person</i> means a person who, at the time of appointment as a member,	12
	is—	13
	(a) at least 18 years of age, and	14
	(b) not more than 28 years of age.	15

<b>Schedule 6</b>	<b>Amendment of Sydney Opera House Trust Act</b>	1
	<b>1961 No 9</b>	2
<b>[1] Section 6 Trustees</b>		3
	Omit “10” in section 6(1). Insert instead “11”.	4
<b>[2] Section 6(2)</b>		5
	Omit the subsection. Insert instead—	6
	(2) The trustees must include—	7
	(a) at least 2 persons who have knowledge of, or experience in, the performing arts, and	8
	(b) at least one young person.	9
<b>[3] Section 6(6)</b>		11
	Insert after section 6(5A)—	12
	(6) In this section—	13
	<i>young person</i> means a person who, at the time of appointment as a trustee, is—	14
	(a) at least 18 years of age, and	15
	(b) not more than 28 years of age.	16
<b>[4] Section 11 Procedure of Trust and quorum</b>		18
	Omit section 11(2). Insert instead—	19
	(2) A quorum for a meeting of the Trust is a majority of trustees for the time being.	20