



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.