

Equal Opportunity (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 states the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 provides that the Act comes into operation on a day to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 defines the Principal Act to mean the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*.

Clause 4 alters the status of the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity from public servant to Governor in Council appointee. It provides for the appointment of the Commissioner and the circumstances in which the appointment will cease. It also contains a transitional provision.

Clause 5 provides that in certain circumstances the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity may initiate an investigation, if the Commissioner becomes aware of possible acts of discrimination in the course of carrying out a community education programme.

Clause 6 provides for the Schedule.

The Schedule removes discriminatory provisions from certain other Acts.

