

Historic Buildings (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 states the purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

Clause 3 defines the Principal Act.

Clause 4 amends section 14 of the Principal Act to enable government buildings to be placed in the Historic Buildings Register.

Clause 5 makes various minor amendments to the Act consequential on the fact that the Historic Buildings Register may now specify land that is unalienated Crown Land.

Clause 6 amends section 18 of the Principal Act to provide that calling for an examination by the Council of a building presently on the Government Buildings Register is to be at the discretion of the Minister. The effect is to continue the present position which would otherwise be changed as a result of the amendment made by clause 4.

Clause 7 provides that no further buildings may be added to the Government Buildings Register. It also ensures that a building on the Government Buildings Register is not removed from the Register by the Minister without a report first being obtained from the Historic Buildings Council.

Clause 8 provides a mechanism to automatically remove a building from the Government Buildings Register when it is added to the Historic Buildings Register.

Clause 9 ensures that the Historic Building Fund does not apply to government buildings.

Clause 10 enables approved alterations to a designated building to be completed without further approval following the addition of the building to the Historic Buildings Register.

