Disability Inclusion (Review Recommendations) Amendment Bill 2023

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This clause is formal.

2—Commencement

This clause provides that the measure will come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

Part 2—Amendment of *Disability Inclusion Act 2018*

3—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation

This clause inserts a definition of barrier to the interpretation section of the Act.

4—Insertion of section 7A

This clause inserts a new section 7A into the Act.

7A—Minister to seek views of people with disability

Proposed section 7A requires the Minister to seek the views of people with disability regarding the operation, administration and enforcement of the Act, and furthering the objects of the Act. It provides for the Minister to create a committee for the purposes of advising and assisting them in doing so.

5—Amendment of section 8—Objects

This amendment makes clear that the objects apply to persons with disability of all ages, and adds a new object to the Act.

6—Amendment of section 9—Principles

This amendment inserts new principles to the Act.

7—Amendment of section 10—Functions of Chief Executive

This amendment inserts a new function under the Act to the Chief Executive.

8—Amendment of section 13—State Disability Inclusion Plan

This amendment requires the State Disability Inclusion Plan to contain a variety of provisions, and that any documents prepared for the purposes consultation are in a form accessible to people with disability.

9—Amendment of section 14—Annual report on operation of State Disability Inclusion Plan

This amendment changes the reporting period for each annual report to cover a calendar year instead of a financial year, and shifts the date a report is due by.

10—Amendment of section 15—Review of State Disability Inclusion Plan

This amendment requires that a report to the Minister for the purposes of the section include or be accompanied by information regarding any recommended changes to the State Disability Inclusion Plan resulting from the review.

11—Amendment of section 16—Disability access and inclusion plans

This amendment requires a State authority's disability access and inclusion plan to include strategies ensuring the needs of priority groups identified by the measure are addressed by the plan, and requires that any documents produced prepared for consultation are in a form accessible to people with disability.

12—Amendment of section 17—Annual report on operation of disability access and inclusion plan

This amendment adds a requirement to the report prepared by each State authority, changes the reporting period for annual reports under the section to cover a calendar year as opposed to a financial year, and changes the date the reports are due by.

13—Amendment of section 18—Review of disability access and inclusion plans

This amendment provides that should the State Disability Inclusion plan be varied, a State authority must ensure that their disability access and inclusion plan remains consistent with it.

Schedule 1—Transitional and saving etc provisions

1—Annual report on operation of State Disability Inclusion Plan during transitional period

This clause ensures continuity of reporting during the transition to reporting on a calendar year basis from reporting based on a financial year basis.

2—Annual report on operation of disability access and inclusion plan during transitional period

This clause ensures continuity of reporting during the transition to reporting on a calendar year basis from reporting based on a financial year basis.