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The main purpose of the Bill is to allow the destruction of instruments lodged with the Registrar-General when they no longer have effect. The purpose of the amendments to clause 5 of the Bill is to ensure that documents are only destroyed if they have ceased to have effect. Without the amendments it was possible that instruments could be destroyed simply because they were more than 10 years old.

The amendments remove proposed new paragraph 36A(1)(c) which the Bill would otherwise have inserted in the *Instruments Act 1933*. That paragraph would have meant that the Registrar-General only had to keep a registered instrument for 10 years. Without that paragraph the proposed new provisions to be inserted in the *Instruments Act* require the Registrar-General to keep a registered instrument until it no longer has any effect.