

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1997

The Legal Practitioners (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1997 will amend certain laws in consequence of the replacement of the term 'barrister and solicitor' with 'legal practitioner' in the Principal Act by the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) (No 2) Bill 1997.

A definition of 'legal practitioner', 'barrister' and 'solicitor' will be inserted into the *Interpretation Act 1967* and definitions of 'barrister and solicitor' deleted from the interpretation provisions in other legislation.

References in legislation to 'attorney', 'barrister', 'barrister and solicitor', 'counsel', 'legal representative' or 'solicitor' will be deleted where the reference is appropriately to a legal practitioner (as opposed, for instance, to a reference to an 'attorney' meaning a person holding power of attorney) and references to 'legal practitioner' substituted.

In making these changes to the terminology in legislation, there is no intention that the law be altered.

DETAILS OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1997

TITLE

Clause 1 will provide that the title of the enactment is to be the *Legal Practitioners (Consequential Amendments) Act 1997*.

COMMENCEMENT

Clause 2 will provide that the Bill is to commence on the day on which the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill (No 2) 1997 commences.

AMENDMENT OF ACTS

Clause 3 will provide that the Acts specified in Schedule 1 are amended as set out in that Schedule.

AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

Clause 4 will provide that the regulations specified in Schedule 2 are amended as set out in that Schedule.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

Clause 5 will provide that the rules specified in Schedule 3 are amended as set out in that Schedule.