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MAGISTRATES AND CORONER'S COURTS (REGISTRAR) BILL 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The Magistrates and Coroner's Courts (Registrar) Bill 1991 changes the names of the offices of Clerk of the Magistrates Court and Clerk of the Coroner's Court to Registrar of the Magistrates Court and Registrar of the Coroner's Court and makes amendments to Acts, Regulations and Rules consequent on the changes of name. Similar amendments are made to the titles of Deputy Clerk of each Court.

A review of the Magistrates Court carried out in 1989 by a working party established by the Commonwealth prior to the transfer to the Territory of responsibility for the Acts recommended that the title of the Clerk should be altered to Registrar. This Bill implements that recommendation.

The Bill has no revenue or expenditure implications.

Details of the Bill are set out in the Attachment.

Attachment

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Clause 1 cites the short title of the Bill, once enacted, to be the Magistrates and Coroner's Courts (Registrar) Bill 1991.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

Clause 3 changes the names of the offices of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Magistrates Court to Registrar and Deputy Registrar respectively.

Clause 4 provides that a person appointed as Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Magistrates Court shall continue to hold office as Registrar or Deputy Registrar.

Clause 5 changes the names of the offices of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Coroner's Court to Registrar and Deputy Registrar respectively.

Clause 6 provides that a person appointed as Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Coroner's Court shall continue to hold office as Registrar or Deputy Registrar.

Clause 7 makes a number of consequential amendments to Acts. "Registrar" is substituted for "Clerk" wherever the term appears in the legislation specified in Schedule 1.

Clause 8 amends the provisions of those Regulations and Rules specified in Schedule 2 to the Bill in order to substitute "Registrar" for "Clerk".

Clause 9 amends the provisions of three specified laws of the State of New South Wales which are continued in force in the Territory by Territory legislation in order to substitute "Registrar" for "Clerk".