



New South Wales

Impounding Amendment (Unattended Boat Trailers) Bill 2015

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Impounding Act 1993* to provide special procedures for the impounding of boat trailers by impounding officers. An impounding officer may impound an article that has been abandoned or left unattended.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Impounding Act 1993 No 31

Schedule 1 [1] inserts new section 15 (2) in the *Impounding Act 1993* to provide that a boat trailer is taken to have been left unattended if that trailer has not been moved for a period of more than 3 months (or such other period as may be specified in the regulations). This amendment does not affect any other circumstances that may be considered in determining whether a boat trailer has been left unattended.

Schedule 1 [2] provides that at least 15 days notice must be given to the owner of a boat trailer in situations where an impounding officer acts under proposed section 15 (2).

Schedule 1 [5] and [6] insert the definition of *boat trailer* and amend the definition of *motor vehicle*.

Schedule 1 [3] and [4] insert savings and transitional provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 [7] and [8] make consequential amendments to amend notes containing diagrams included to assist with the interpretation of provisions relating to the impounding of articles.