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**SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND  
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1985**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to vest in the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust the land which currently comprises the site of the Army Engineers Depot at Moore Park; and
  - (b) to facilitate the construction by the Trust of a 40,000 seat capacity stadium and associated facilities on that land and adjoining land vested in the Trust.
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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Schedule 1 (1) amends the interpretation provision of the Principal Act so as to insert a definition of “designated land” (being the land currently comprising the Sydney Sportsground, the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 Oval and the Army Engineers Depot), to extend the definition of “scheduled lands” (so as to bring the Army Engineers Depot under the administration of the Trust) and to provide for the meaning of a reference in the Principal Act to the carrying out of improvements.

Schedule 1 (2) inserts section 9A into the Principal Act which provides that on and from a day to be appointed by proclamation, the land which currently comprises the site of the Army Engineers Depot shall be vested in the Crown free from any encumbrances and shall be deemed to be Crown land dedicated under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913 for public recreation. The land shall thereupon become subject to the administration of the Trust.

Schedule 1 (3) provides that the dedication under section 9A shall not be revoked except by an Act of Parliament.

Schedule 1 (4) inserts sections 16A and 16B into the Principal Act.

Proposed section 16A enables the Minister for Sport and Recreation to approve the carrying out of improvements on the designated land after consultation with the Minister for Public Works and Ports and the Minister for Planning and Environment.

Proposed section 16B provides that where the Minister for Sport and Recreation approves the carrying out of improvements on the designated land, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Local Government Act 1919 and any instrument in force under either of those Acts shall not apply to or in respect of the improvements.

Schedule 1 (5) inserts a land description of the Army Engineers Depot into the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (6) inserts a land description of the designated land into the Principal Act.

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