

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 1985**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to amend the University of New South Wales Act, 1968, so as—

- (a) to decrease the number of non-student members of the Council of the University of New South Wales ("the Council") elected by graduates of the University from 7 to 6 members and to make it clear that a person who is not a graduate of the University is eligible for election as such a member (Schedule 1 (1) (a));
- (b) to provide that the elected non-student members of the Council chosen from the academic staff of the University shall consist of 2 professorial members of the staff and 4 non-professorial members of the staff (Schedule 1 (1) (b) and (c));
- (c) to decrease the number of members of the Council appointed by the Minister from 21 to 8 members (Schedule 1 (1) (d));
- (d) to remove the requirement that the members of the Council appointed by the Minister be nominated by certain prescribed persons or classes of persons (Schedule 1 (1) (d) and (f));
- (e) to provide that the term of office of a member of the Council—
 - (i) being an elected non-student member elected by graduates shall be 4 years;
 - (ii) being an elected non-student member other than a member referred to in subparagraph (i) shall be 2 years; and
 - (iii) being an appointed member shall be a period, not exceeding 4 years, specified in the instrument of appointment of the member (Schedule 1 (1) (e)); and
- (f) to provide that an elected or appointed member of the Council vacates office if the member is absent from 3, instead of 4, consecutive meetings of the Council without the leave of the Council (Schedule 1 (2)).

The Bill also contains an amendment by way of statute law revision (Schedule 1 (3)) and provisions of a saving or transitional nature (Schedule 2).

