

Small Claims Tribunals (Amendment) Bill 1983

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 contains usual citation and commencement provisions.

Clause 2 amends Sections 2 (1) and 19 of the Principal Act to increase the monetary jurisdiction of the Tribunal to \$3 000.

Clause 3 amends Section 2 of the Principal Act to include residential bodies corporate in the definition of "consumer".

Clause 4 amends Section 31 (1) of the Principal Act so that hearings before the Tribunal will be open to the public.

Clause 5 inserts a new Section 31A in the Principal Act to allow the Tribunal the power to close a hearing.

Clause 6 inserts a new Section 32A in the Principal Act to allow the review of orders if a clerical error has been made.

Clause 7 is a transitional provision.

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