CROWN EMPLOYEES (SALARIES) BILL 2014

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CROWN EMPLOYEES (SALARIES) BILL 2014

This Public Bill originated in the House of Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

P. R. ALCOCK, Clerk of the House
18 September 2014

(Brought in by the Treasurer, the Honourable Peter Carl Gutwein)

A BILL FOR

An Act to give effect to Government policy on the salary of Crown employees, to amend the Industrial Relations Act 1984 and for related purposes

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Crown Employees (Salaries) Act 2014.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on a day to be proclaimed.
3. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears –

**award** has the same meaning as in the *Industrial Relations Act 1984*;

**Crown employee** means a person appointed or employed under or pursuant to –

(a) the *State Service Act 2000*; or

(b) the *Police Service Act 2003*; or

(c) the *Parliamentary Privilege Act 1898*; or

(d) the *Governor of Tasmania Act 1982*; or

(e) the Crown Prerogative;

**determination** means any order, determination or other decision made by the Tasmanian Industrial Commission under the *Industrial Relations Act 1984* and includes any other matter or thing prescribed by the regulations;

**industrial agreement** has the same meaning as in the *Industrial Relations Act 1984*;

**regulations** means the regulations made under this Act;

**salary** means salary and salary-related allowances specified in an award,
industrial agreement or instrument of appointment, or such other arrangement as may be prescribed by the regulations, to which a Crown employee is entitled;

**salary progression increments** means increments, salary progressions, performance payments, advancement assessment points, years of service progressions, accelerated advancements and qualification-based progressions, within a classification specified in an award, industrial agreement, or instrument of appointment, to which a Crown employee is entitled on or after the commencement of this Act.
PART 2 – SALARY PAUSE

4. Interpretation: Part 2

In this Part –

salary means salary and salary-related allowances specified in an award, industrial agreement or instrument of appointment, or such other arrangement as may be prescribed by the regulations –

(a) to which a person who was a Crown employee immediately before the commencement of this Act was entitled immediately before that commencement; or

(b) to which a person who becomes a Crown employee on or after the commencement of this Act is entitled on becoming a Crown employee.

5. Salary Pause

(1) There is to be a Salary Pause.

(2) The Salary Pause applies on the following terms:

   (a) for a period of 12 months, there is to be no increase in salary for –

   (i) Crown employees to whom the awards or industrial agreements,
specified in column 1 of Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 1, and the instruments of appointment, specified in column 1 of Part 3 of that Schedule, apply; and

(ii) Crown employees specified in column 1 of Part 4 of that Schedule;

(b) the period specified in paragraph (a) commences on the day specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 –

(i) with respect to Crown employees to whom the awards or industrial agreements, specified in column 1 of Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 1, and the instruments of appointment, specified in column 1 of Part 3 of that Schedule, apply; and

(ii) with respect to Crown employees specified in column 1 of Part 4 of that Schedule;

(c) any salary progression increments that apply to a person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, is a –

(i) Crown employee to whom the awards or industrial agreements, specified in column 1 of Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 1, and the instruments of appointment,
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Salary Pause to override agreements, &c.

(1) The Salary Pause takes effect in accordance with section 5 notwithstanding anything to the contrary in—

(a) any industrial agreements and awards; and

(b) any instruments of appointment, contracts of employment or other
arrangements under which Crown employees are employed; and

(c) any determinations.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to determinations, industrial agreements or awards, or any instruments of appointment, contracts of employment or other arrangements under which Crown employees are employed, that are –

(a) in force immediately before the commencement of this Act; or

(b) made or entered into on or after the commencement of this Act.
PART 3 – SALARY INCREASES

7. Increases in salary for Crown employees

(1) Increases in salary for Crown employees are –

   (a) not to be greater or less than 2% per annum; or

   (b) as are prescribed by the regulations.

(2) The first of the increases referred to in subsection (1)(a) applies on and from the date specified in column 3 of Schedule 1 –

   (a) with respect to Crown employees to whom the awards or industrial agreements, specified in column 1 of Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 1, and the instruments of appointment, specified in column 1 of Part 3 of that Schedule, apply; and

   (b) with respect to Crown employees specified in column 1 of Part 4 of that Schedule –

and then applies annually from the date specified in column 3 of Schedule 1.

(3) The regulations referred to in subsection (1)(b) may specify the date on which the increase in salary specified in the regulations takes effect in relation to the Crown employees specified in subsection (2).
8. **Increases in salary to override agreements, &c.**

(1) The increases in salary referred to in section 7 take effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in –

(a) any industrial agreements or awards; or

(b) any instruments of appointment, contracts of employment or other arrangements under which Crown employees are employed; or

(c) any determinations.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to determinations, industrial agreements or awards, or any instruments of appointment, contracts of employment or other arrangements under which Crown employees are employed –

(a) in force immediately before the commencement of this Act; or

(b) made or entered into on or after the commencement of this Act.
PART 4 – INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT 1984
AMENDED

9. Principal Act

In this Part, the Industrial Relations Act 1984* is referred to as the Principal Act.

10. Section 20A inserted

After section 20 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted in Division 2:

20A. Commission to give effect to Salary Pause and salary increases for Crown employees

(1) The Commission must, in the performance or exercise of its functions or powers, give effect to –

(a) the Salary Pause referred to in Part 2 of the Crown Employees (Salaries) Act 2014; and

(b) the increases in salary referred to in Part 3 of that Act.

(2) A determination, industrial agreement or award made or varied by the Commission on or after 28 August 2014 does not have effect to the extent that it is inconsistent with the obligation of the Commission under subsection (1).

*No. 21 of 1984
11. Regulations

(1) The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may provide for increases in salary of Crown employees.

(3) The regulations may restrict the performance and exercise of the functions and powers of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission under the *Industrial Relations Act 1984* and may override any provisions of that Act in the manner specified in the regulations.

(4) The regulations may be made so as to apply differently according to matters, limitations or restrictions, whether as to time, circumstance or otherwise, specified in the regulations.

(5) The regulations may apply –

(a) to a Crown employee individually or to Crown employees generally or to a specified class, or specified classes, of Crown employees; and

(b) generally or in a particular case or class of cases or in particular cases or classes of cases; and

(c) at all times or at a specified time or at specified times.
12. Administration of Act

Until provision is made in relation to this Act by order under section 4 of the Administrative Arrangements Act 1990 –

(a) the administration of this Act is assigned to the Treasurer; and

(b) the department responsible to the Treasurer in relation to the administration of this Act is the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
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