

## Legislation Fact Sheet

### Anzac Day Observance Amendment Bill 2011

- The *Anzac Day Observance Amendment Bill 2011* seeks to ensure that the legislation governing Anzac Day reflects contemporary views about the commemoration of the day and that the role and governance of the Anzac Day Trust remains appropriate.
- The Bill amends the *Anzac Day Observance Act 1929* to provide that:
  - the long title of the Act will include the role of the Anzac Day Trust;
  - all restrictions relating to activities undertaken on Anzac Day will apply until 12.30pm;
  - restrictions will be expanded to include shows, regattas, markets, bazaars and gambling activities;
  - the protection of employees will be expanded to cover those who decline a request to work related to additional activities restricted on Anzac Day;
  - two members of the Trust will no longer be required to be appointed on the nomination of the Returned Services League and Legacy Clubs;
  - a three year period of membership will apply to the Anzac Day Trust, which may be renewed;
  - the Governor will no longer approve the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Trust members;
  - the Minister responsible for the Anzac Day Observance Act can set guidelines for the Trust; and
  - the annual report of the Trust is to be made publicly available.
- The Bill also amends the *Shop Trading Hours Act 1984* to provide that most shops, apart from pharmacies, service stations and small shops, will be closed on Anzac Day until 12.30pm.
- The Bill also ensures that the employee protection provisions in the Shop Trading Hours Act cover the employees that work in the shops that are included in the new restrictions.