

## CLAUSE NOTES

### *Food Amendment Bill 2015*

- Clause 1** Short title.
- Clause 2** Provides that the Bill, if passed, will commence on a date to be proclaimed.
- Clause 3** Provides that the Principal Act amended by the Bill is the *Food Act 2003* (referred to in these clause notes as 'the Act').
- Clause 4** Amends section 4(1) of the Act by:
- (a) inserting a new definition. The definition is of a 'mobile structure' and includes a wide group of configurations. This phrase will be inserted into section 88 to extend the application of that section from 'in a vehicle' to 'in, at or from a mobile structure'. See clause 5 below; and
  - (b) amending the definition of 'premises'. This amendment extends the definition of premises to include 'a mobile structure'.
- This extended definition is relevant to s87(4)(a) whereby applicants seeking to register their food business may be required by a council to provide design and fitout specifications about proposed food handling 'premises'.
- Authorised officers have the capacity under the Act to enter and inspect 'premises' and issue improvement and prohibition orders if necessary.
- Clause 5** Replaces section 88 with a new section. The effect of this clause is to extend the benefit of single certificate registration from food businesses 'conducted in a vehicle' to the broader group of food businesses conducted 'in, at or from a mobile structure'.
- Clause 6** This is a standard clause repealing the Amendment Bill, as the substance of the Bill is incorporated into the relevant Act on commencement.