

CLAUSE NOTES

Corrections Amendment (Parole Board) Bill 2015

Clause 1: Short title

This clause cites the Bill as the *Corrections Amendment (Parole Board) Act 2015*.

Clause 2: Commencement

This clause provides for the Bill to commence on proclamation.

Clause 3: Principal Act

This clause provides that the Principal Act to which the amendments apply is the *Corrections Act 1997*.

Clause 4: Section 62 amended (Establishment of Parole Board)

This clause changes the constitution of the Parole Board, by providing that one member (rather than two members) will have experience in matters associated with sociology, criminology, penology or medicine or other knowledge or experience the Governor considers appropriate, and one member will have both knowledge and experience of victim of crime matters and experience in matters associated with sociology, criminology, penology or medicine.

Clause 5: Schedule 2 amended (Membership and Meetings of Board)

This clause amends the provisions in Schedule 2 of the Principal Act relating to membership and meetings of the Board by providing that the deputy chairperson may attend a meeting of the Parole Board if any member of the Board is absent. Where the deputy chairperson attends in this capacity, he or she is taken to be a member of the Board.

This clause also provides that the deputy chairperson is taken to be the chairperson when the chairperson is absent.

Clause 6: Repeal of Act

This is a standard repeal provision to remove the empty shell of the Bill after all its provisions have been transferred and have come into effect in the Principal Act.