

CLAUSE NOTES

Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment (EPA Independence) Bill 2021

Clause 1: Short Title

The Short title will be the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment (EPA Independence) Act 2021*.

Clause 2: Commencement

The Amendment Act will commence on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Principal Act

Sets the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* as the Principal Act to be amended.

Clause 4: Section 14A inserted

Introduces provisions that stipulate that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is not subject to the direction or control of the Minister.

Clause 5: Sections 15, 15A, 15B and 15C repealed

Repeals sections 15, 15A, 15B and 15C of the Principal Act, which provide for the Minister to issue a statement of expectations to the EPA and requires the EPA to conform with this statement of expectations.

Clause 6: Repeal of Act

The *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment (EPA Independence) Act 2021* will be repealed 365 days from the day on which all provisions commence.