

CLAUSE NOTES

Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Bill 2013

- Clause 1:** Short Title.
- Clause 2:** Commencement – taken to have commenced on 4 March 2013.
- Clause 3:** Title of Principal Act.
- Clause 4:** Inserts definitions of “authorised Commissioner hearing” and “counsel” in section 3.
- Clause 5:** Inserts a new section 3A to clarify what Commissioners a reference to “the Commission” includes.
- Clause 6:** Inserts new section 5A to provide that, where the Commission is constituted by two or more persons, a hearing may be held by the President of the Commission or one or more Commissioners authorised in writing by the President of the Commission.
- Clause 7:** Inserts a new section 7A setting out specified sections of other Acts which do not apply in relation to information collected for communication to or communicated to the Commission of Inquiry into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse established on 4 March 2013.
- Clause 8:** Inserts a new section 34A to allow a Commission to communicate information or evidence of a contravention of a law to listed

persons, including the person responsible for the administration or enforcement of that law.

Allows the Commission to provide information, evidence or document that may relate to a matter into which another Commission is required or authorised to inquire to that other Commission and clarifies that the other Commission referred to in this section includes a Royal Commission or Commission of Inquiry established in another Australian jurisdiction.

Allows the Commission to provide information, evidence or documents that may relate to the performance of the functions of the Integrity Commission to the Integrity Commission.

Clause 9: Provides for the automatic repeal of the amending Act.