

CLAUSE NOTES

Right to Information Amendment (Applications for Review) Bill

Clause 1: Short title

Short title of the Bill.

Clause 2: Commences

Provides that the Act commences on Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Principal Act

Provides that the Principal Act to which the amendments apply is the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Clause 4: Section 45 amended (Other applications for review)

Amends section 45 to provide applicants for assessed disclosure with a right of review by the Ombudsman of decisions for which a written notice must be given under section 22 that relate to an application for assessed disclosure under section 13 where the application has been made to a Minister.

Amends section 45 to provide external parties with a right of review by the Ombudsman of decisions to provide information relating to the external party's personal affairs, or that is likely to expose the external party to competitive disadvantage, where the original decision has been made by a principal officer of a public authority or by a Minister.

Provides the relevant timeframe in which an external party may apply for a review of a decision once the external party has received notice of that decision under section 36(3) or section 37(3).

Clause 5: Repeal of Act

Provides that this Act is repealed a year after it commences in order to remove the empty shell of the Bill after its provisions have come into effect.