CLAUSE NOTES

Mental Health Amendment Bill 2011

Clause I Short Title

Clause 2 Commencement

Provides for the Act to commence on Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Principal Act

Names the Mental Health Amendment Act 2005 as the legislation that the Bill amends.

Clause 4 Section 19 amended (Expiry)

Amends section 19 of the Mental Health Amendment Act 2005.

Section 19 is a sunset clause which provides that the amendments made to the Mental Health Act 1996 by the Mental Health Amendment Act 2005 relating to community treatment orders expire 6 years and 6 months after the commencement of the Mental Health Amendment Act 2005, that is, on 11 January 2012.

This clause amends section 19(1) to provide that the amendments made by the Mental Health Amendment Act 2005 will expire 8 years and 6 months after the commencement of that Act, that is, on 11 January 2014.

Clause 5 Repeal of Act

Provides for the Act's repeal ninety days after its commencement (by which time the amendments achieved by the Act will be incorporated to the Mental Health Amendment Act 2005).