

## **NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012**

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The principal purpose of this Bill is to provide for two additional members of the Norfolk Island Hospital Advisory Board. The intent is to provide expert outside assistance in connection with the move by government towards implementation of proposed changes to health services as agreed with the Commonwealth. Additionally the opportunity has been taken to make some small changes to correct a reference error.

**Clauses 1, 2 and 3** are standard references to the name of the Act, its commencement and to the Act being amended.

**Clause 4** provides for—

- (a) making minor grammatical changes in paragraphs 12(2)(b) and 26(1)(a);
- (b) changing the quorum for meetings of the Board from 2 to 3 members with the increase in its membership (subsection 18(3));
- (c) increasing the board from 3 to 5 members (section 12);
- (d) correcting a wrong reference in subsection 45A. At present the reference is to section 45 whereas the references should be to the provisions of section 45A. Deletion of “45” requires the reference to be made to the section within which the references are made i.e. section 45A.

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