

# **TOURIST ACCOMMODATION (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL 2012**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill builds on the amendments recently made to the *Tourist Accommodation Act 1984* by the *Tourist Accommodation (Amendment) Act 2012*.

The purpose of the changes is to further relieve regulation of tourist accommodation houses.

The Bill is divided into 3 Parts.

### **In Part 1—**

**Clause 1** provides the short title.

**Clause 2** provides that the first 2 sections commence on gazettal while the changes in the Schedule made by clauses 3 and 4 will commence on a date or dates to be notified.

### **In Part 2**

**Clause 3** sets out in a Schedule, amendments to the *Tourist Accommodation Act 1984*.

The Schedule provides a number of itemised amendments as follows—

**Item 1** inserts a definition of “visitor” that affects the meaning of other defined expressions such as “guest” and “tourist accommodation house” so that they relate only to places where people are expected to stay for 21 days or less.

**Item 2** repeals paragraph 5(3)(b) in order to exclude a requirement to provide details relating to corporate ownership.

**Item 3** amends section 7 to remove a cross reference in subsection (2) to a section to be repealed and to remove a reference to quotas in paragraph (3A)(a).

**Item 4** repeals sections 8, 8A and 8B that relate to quotas.

**Item 5** repeals section 15A that deals with the transfer of registration of certain tourist accommodation houses.

**Item 6** repeals subsection 26(6) to remove reference to sections relating to quotas that are repealed by Item 4.

**Item 7** amends subsection 27(1) to remove reference to subsection (2) that is repealed.

**Item 8** repeals subsection 29(4) and cross reference to section 8 that is repealed by Item 4.

### **In Part 3**

**Clause 4** sets out amendments made to the *Planning Act 2002* and repeals provisions relating to tourist accommodation houses that are not applicable with the amendments to the *Tourist Accommodation Act 1984* made by clause 3.

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