

# **Dentists (Amendment) Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **Outline**

The aim of this legislation is to make a number of amendments to improve the operation of the **Dentists Act 1972**.

In particular, the Bill will—

- (a) enable the incorporation of standards, codes or other documents into the Dentists Regulations 1992; and
- (b) give the Board the power to enter any premises with a search warrant for the purpose of investigating a breach of the Act or the regulations.

### **Clause Notes**

*Clause 1* describes the purposes of the Act.

*Clause 2* is the commencement provision.

*Clause 3* defines the **Dentists Act 1972** as being the Principal Act.

*Clause 4* amends the regulation making power by enabling the incorporation of standards, codes or other documents into the regulations.

*Clause 5* gives the Board the power to make application to a magistrate for the issue of a search warrant where there are reasonable grounds for believing that a breach of the Act or the regulations has occurred or there has been a breach of the terms of registration.

