

Zoological Parks and Gardens (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the *Zoological Parks and Gardens Act 1967*.

To enable the Governor in Council to waive admission charges to properties administered by the Zoological Board of Victoria.

To change the quorum for meetings of the Zoological Board of Victoria.

To change the title of the Director of the Zoological Parks and Gardens.

To introduce provisions relating to crowd control by officers at Zoological Parks.

To remove restrictions on the size of the area which may be declared a Zoological Park.

To update references in the Act.

Clause 1 states the purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on the day of the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 names the Principal Act.

Clause 4 changes the quorum provisions for meetings of the Zoological Board of Victoria contained in section 8 (1) of the Principal Act.

Clause 5 inserts new section 14 in the Principal Act to enable officers at Zoological Parks to restrict or prohibit admission to Zoological Parks to prevent overcrowding or in the interest of the safety or well being of visitors to those parks.

The clause provides for notification of such action to be displayed at each entrance to a Zoological Park and for delegation of the powers to take such action.

New section 14A is also inserted in the Principal Act by this clause to enable the Governor in Council, by order, to waive admission charges for admission of the public to properties administered by the Zoological Board of Victoria.

The new section also provides for notification of any such order of the Governor in Council to be published in the *Government Gazette* and for notification of the waiving of admission charges to be displayed at each entrance to each Zoological Park.

Clause 6 changes the title of Director of the Zoological Parks and Gardens to Chief Executive Officer.

Clause 7 repeals section 4C of the the Principal Act which is no longer required as a consequence of the provisions in Clause 7.

It also updates references to a Ministerial portfolio and to a Government Department.

