

# **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF PART X) BILL**

## **Statement of compatibility**

Ms PIKE (Minister for Health) tabled following statement in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act:

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Repeal of Part X) (Amendment) Bill 2007.

In my opinion, the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Repeal of Part X) (Amendment) Bill 2007, as introduced to the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the charter.

I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the bill

The bill amends the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 by repealing part X. This will result in the closure of the Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund.

Upon the closure of the fund, revenue from fines collected in relation to drug-related crimes will be redirected to consolidated revenue. A future appropriation adjustment will ensure that the various programs and projects funded by the Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund will continue.

There will be no change to the powers that enable fines in relation to drug-related crime to be imposed and collected, and there will be no change to the types of drug education and prevention projects and programs funded by the collection of these fines.

Human rights issues

### **1. Human rights protected by the charter that are relevant to the bill**

The bill has no human rights impacts.

### **2. Consideration of reasonable limitations -- section 7(2)**

As the bill has no impact on human rights it is not necessary to consider section 7(2) of the charter.

Conclusion

I consider that the bill is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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Minister for Health