

Interpretation and Reprints Amendment Bill 2008

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Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Interpretation and Reprints
Amendment Bill 2008**

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Interpretation Act 1984* and *Reprints Act 1984*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1 — Preliminary matters

1. Short title

This is the *Interpretation and Reprints Amendment Act 2008*.

2. Commencement

5 This Act comes into operation as follows —

- (a) sections 1 and 2 — on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent;
- (b) the rest of the Act — on the day after that day.

Part 2 — *Interpretation Act 1984* amended

3. Act amended

This Part amends the *Interpretation Act 1984*.

4. Section 5 amended

5 (1) In section 5 delete the definition of *Gazette* or *Government Gazette*.

(2) In section 5 insert in alphabetical order:

10 *Gazette* or *Government Gazette* means the government gazette of Western Australia printed and published, or purporting to be printed and published, by the Government Printer and includes any supplement to that gazette;

15 *local government district* has the meaning given by section 13CA;

5. Section 13CA inserted

After section 13B insert:

20 **13CA. Local government districts, references to**

(1) In a written law —

local government district means a district under the *Local Government Act 1995*.

25 (2) A reference in a written law to a named local government district is a reference to the local government district that has that name under the *Local Government Act 1995*.

[Examples: “Perth local government district” refers to the local government district named Perth.

30 “Albany (Shire) local government district” refers to the local government district named Albany (Shire).]

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6. Section 15A inserted

After section 15 insert:

15A. Reference to a paragraph

- 5 (1) In this section —
paragraph includes a subparagraph, item, subitem and
any other similar provision.
- 10 (2) A reference in a written law to a paragraph includes a
reference to a conjunction after it connecting it to
another paragraph.

7. Section 52 amended

In section 52(4) delete “notification” and insert:

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Part 3 — *Reprints Act 1984* amended

8. Act amended

This Part amends the *Reprints Act 1984*.

9. Section 7 amended

5 (1) After section 7(3)(c) insert:

(ca) for words, or words and figures, that designate
a distance, weight, size, volume or other
10 physical quantity, an expression that designates
the same quantity by means of figures followed
by an abbreviation of the relevant unit of
measurement;

15 (2) After section 7(4) insert:

(4A) If in a series of 3 paragraphs in a written law —
(a) “and” or “or” (the *relevant conjunction*)
appears after the second paragraph; and
(b) there is no conjunction after the first paragraph,

20 an authorised officer may insert the relevant
conjunction after the first paragraph.

(4B) If in a series of 4 or more paragraphs in a written
law —
(a) “and” or “or” (the *relevant conjunction*)
25 appears after the paragraph that is next before
the last paragraph; and
(b) there is no conjunction after any preceding
paragraph,

30 an authorised officer may insert the relevant
conjunction after each preceding paragraph.

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- 5 (4C) For the purposes of subsections (4A) and (4B),
2 paragraphs that are separated by text other than a
paragraph of the same kind may be regarded as not
being in the same series of paragraphs even if their
designations are sequential.
- (4D) In subsections (4A) to (4C) —
paragraph includes a subparagraph, item, subitem and
any other similar provision.
- 10 (3) In section 7(5):
- (a) in paragraph (c) delete “is designated.” and insert:

is designated;
- 15 (b) after paragraph (c) insert:
- (d) where in a provision a term that is being
defined appears in bold italic text and begins
with a definite or indefinite article, amend the
20 provision to —
- (i) delete the article; or
- (ii) change the appearance of the text so that
the article is not in bold or italics.

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