

# LITTER AMENDMENT (BALLOONS) BILL 2018

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### Overview of the Bill

The Litter Amendment (Balloons) Bill 2018 amends the *Litter Act 1979* (WA). The purpose of the Bill is to reduce litter from party balloons.

#### Clause 1

This clause contains the title of the Bill.

#### Clause 2

This clause provides for the Bill to come into operation on the 60<sup>th</sup> day after which it receives the Royal Assent. The intention is to prevent unreasonable disruption of pre-planned events.

#### Clause 3

This clause provides that the Bill amends the *Litter Act 1979* (WA).

#### Clause 4

This clause inserts section 24D in the *Litter Act 1979* (WA).

It creates a new offence of inflating a party balloon outdoors, having an inflated party balloon outdoors, or releasing or causing an inflated party balloon to be released outdoors. Use of an inflated party balloon solely indoors will not be an offence.

“Inflation” is defined to include inflation with a liquid, not only inflation with a gas (such as air or helium).

“Party balloon” is defined inclusively. It includes a balloon used for play or entertainment, celebration, decoration, commiseration or remembrance.

The penalties for this new offence mirror existing litter provisions.