

Electoral Amendment (Publicly Funded Advertising) Bill 2012

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (E299)

(Introduced by Mr Ben Wyatt MLA)

Clause 1 **Short Title**

This is the *Electoral Amendment (Publicly Funded Advertising) Act 2012*.

Clause 2 **Commencement**

Sections 1 and 2 of the Act come into operation on the day on which the Act receives Royal Assent and the rest of the Act on the day after that day.

Clause 3 **Act amended**

This Act amends the *Electoral Act 1907* (the 'Electoral Act').

Clause 4 **Part VIIA inserted**

Inserts a new Part VIIA 'Restrictions on publicly-funded advertising during pre-election period for general elections'.

179A – Part VIIA applies only in relation to general elections.

179B – Sets out defined terms.

179C – Defines 'publicly funded advertising'.

179D – Restrictions on publicly funded advertising during pre-election periods.

179E – Approval of advertising.

179F – Electoral Commissioner to act independently.

179G – Auditor General to audit compliance with section 179D.

179H – Auditor General to submit opinion on compliance to Parliament.

179I – Recovery of money spent unlawfully on publicly funded advertising.

179J – Relationship with other laws.

179K – Transitional provisions.