

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (No. E229)

(Introduced by Mrs C.L. Edwardes, MLA)

Clause Notes for Amending Bill.

Clause 1 Short Title

This clause provides for the Act to be cited as the *Public Interest Disclosure Amendment Act 2003*.

Clause 2 Commencement

This clause provides that the Act commence on assent.

Clause 3 The Act amended

This clause provides that the Act amends the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*.

Clause 4 Section 13A inserted

This clause inserts a new section that ensures that a person who has made an appropriate disclosure of public interest information continues to receive the protection of s. 13(b) in the event that that information is publicly disclosed in the public interest.

Clause 5 Section 17 amended

This clause amends section 17 by deleting the part that restricts whistleblowers from disclosing publicly (such as talking to the media) such public interest information on the basis they would lose the protection of the Act given by section 13.