

Cultural and Recreational Lands (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of the Bill is to clarify the rating of certain land.

Clause 1

Purpose of the Act

The purpose of the Act is to bring certain land within the definition of "Recreational Lands" for the purposes of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*.

Clause 2

Commencement

The Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent other than sections 4 (1), which is deemed to have come into operation on 1 October 1989.

Clause 3

Principal Act

The *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* is the Principal Act.

Clause 4

Definition of "Recreational Lands"

The clause amends the definition of recreational land to include specific reference to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Flemington Racecourse, the National Tennis Centre and land declared by order of the Governor in Council.

Clause 5

New Section 2A

This clause inserts a new section 2A of the Act to enable the Governor in Council to declare lands to be recreational lands for the purposes of the Act.

Clause 6

Rates

This clause amends section 4 of the Principal Act to remove ambiguity in relation to the setting of rates and to require the Minister to resolve any disputes which arise over the rating of recreational lands.

