

# Coal Mines (Amendment) Bill

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### PART 1

*Clause 1* states the purpose of the Act, to provide lump sum payments from the Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Fund and to repeal legislation no longer required.

*Clause 2* provides that the Act comes into operation on the day of proclamation.

### PART 2

*Clause 3* changes the name of the *Coal Mines Act 1958* to the *Coal Mines (Pensions) Act 1958* and repeals sections of the *Coal Mines Act 1958* that are no longer required.

*Clause 4* provides for an amount to be paid from Consolidated Fund into the Accidents Relief Fund which together with the current assets of the Fund is sufficient to pay lump sums of \$1000 to each married miner and \$500 to each single miner or widow in lieu of the current quarterly allowance. With the final lump sum payment, the Accidents Relief Fund is closed.

*Clause 5* refers to the Schedule of consequential amendments to other Acts and directs that references to the *Coal Mines Act 1958* be to the *Coal Mines (Pensions) Act 1958*.

### PART 3

*Clause 6* repeals the *State Coal Mine Industrial Tribunal Act 1932*.

*Clause 7* repeals the *State Coal Mines (Winding Up) Act 1968*.

### Schedule

Consequential amendments to other Acts in accordance with clause 5 (1).

