

# **Grocery Prices Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

*Clause 1* sets out the purpose of the Bill.

*Clause 2* provides the commencement provision.

*Clause 3* provides for the definitions of various terms in the Bill. The clause also defines the shops to which the legislation applies.

*Clause 4* provides that the Governor in Council may declare basic grocery items.

*Clause 5* provides that the Minister may recommend to the Governor in Council that a declaration be made:

regulating the price of a basic grocery item.

setting the maximum price for a basic grocery item.

The Clause also provides that the declaration may apply to manufacturers, producers, wholesalers and shops in Victoria.

The Clause also provides for the tabling of a declaration in the Parliament and for the ability of the Parliament to disallow any declaration.

*Clause 6* provides for offences against the Act.

*Clause 7* provides for notification of prices and changes in prices when a declaration is in force under Clause 5.

*Clause 8* provides for offences by bodies corporate.

*Clause 9* provides the Regulation-making powers.

*Clause 10* provides for the cessation of the operation of the Act.

