

[In substitution for Bill previously circulated]

Petroleum (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 outlines the main purpose of the Act, which is to clarify the royalty provisions and to make provision for delegations by the Minister.

Clause 2 provides that the Act comes into operation on the day it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 provides that the Minister may delegate any of the Minister's powers under the Act, with some exceptions.

Clause 4 amends section 31 of the Act to clarify that royalties are to be paid on the value of petroleum at the wellhead. This will bring Victoria into line with other States and ensure that producers in Victoria do not pay a higher effective rate of royalty.

Clause 5 contains items of statute law revision.

