Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority (Amendment) Bill 1980

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 provides for the title and coming into operation of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Authority's accounts to be audited annually by a person holding a certificate issued by the Municipal Auditor's Board and includes provision for auditor's remuneration. Also provides powers for audit inspection and for report to the Minister on any matters which should be brought to the Minister's attention subsequent to an audit inspection.

Clause 3 amends section 8 (5) to clarify that a substitute member may be appointed by a municipal council to attend Authority meetings in respect to each Authority member which the council may appoint. This will overcome doubt as to how many members a council may appoint as substitute members.

Clause 4 provides for the definition of "financial year" in section 26 (1) to be extended to include section 32.

Clause 5 provides for a time to be specified for the issue of a precept by the Authority, namely not later than 31 October in each year. At present no time is specified and such a provision in section 27 (3) will accord with similar provisions in the Town and Country Planning Act 1961.

Clause 6 repeals the words "building or" from section 29 (5) for consistency with section 29 (2) so that any member of the Authority or an authorized officer of the Authority shall not enter any building.

Clause 7 substitutes a new section 33 to provide for copies of the audited accounts to be submitted to municipalities in the region consequential upon the changed audit provisions in section 32.

Clause 8 substitutes an expression in section 34 to refer to audited accounts consequential upon the changed audit provisions in section 32.

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