

# **Water Acts (Amendment) Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

*Clause 1–2 are formal.*

### **PART 2—AMENDMENT OF THE WATER ACT 1958**

*Clause 3 is formal.*

*Clause 4 allows the Commission to charge for its services with a view to recovering their cost.*

*Clause 5 clarifies the Director-General's and the Rural Water Commission's powers to do works connected with water supply, etc., and expend monies in respect of such works.*

*Clause 6 provides that the existing capital liability of the Rural Water Commission to the State is to be treated, from the 30th June 1985, as a contribution of capital by the State to the Commission and is not repayable.*

*Clause 7 extends the expiry date of extra water right formula.*

*Clause 8 contains consequential amendments to the Water Act (stemming from Clauses 4 and 6).*

### **PART 3—AMENDMENT OF THE RIVER IMPROVEMENT ACT 1958**

*Clause 9 is formal.*

*Clause 10 amends the *River Improvement Act 1958* by amendment of the terms “river improvement trust” and “river improvement district” to “river management board” and “river management district”. Such change of name does not affect the operation of such bodies.*

*Clause 11 provides that the number of Commissioners is increased from 9 to 15.*

*Clause 12 contains consequential amendments to the *River Improvement Act 1958* and to other Acts.*

*Clause 13 repeals an unnecessary provision in the *River Improvement Act 1958*.*

### **PART 4—AMENDMENT OF THE DANDENONG VALLEY AUTHORITY ACT 1963**

*Clause 14 is formal.*

*Clause 15 relates to the fee for certificates issued by the Dandenong Valley Authority in relation to building prescriptions or flood prone areas. It provides that the fee charged is to be that prescribed by the Local Government Act.*

**PART 5—AMENDMENT OF THE WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES  
(RESTRUCTURING) ACT 1983**

*Clause 16 is formal.*

*Clause 17 amends the *Water and Sewerage Authorities (Restructuring) Act 1983* to extend the life of Water Boards and of the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board until 7 June 1987.*