Water (Waivers) Bill EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 states that the purpose of this Act are to preserve pensioners' rights to waivers and to remedy a problem with provisions for elections of members of authorities.

Clause 2 provides that this Act, with the exception of section 5, is deemed to have come into operation on 1 November 1990. Section 5 is deemed to have commenced on 5 December 1989.

Clause 3 inserts a reference to the Minister instead of the Governor in Council in section 87 (2) of the Water Act 1989. The section deals with elections provided for by establishment or restructuring orders which are made by the Minister.

Clause 4

Sub-clause (1) replaces sub-section 283 (3) in the Water Act 1989. This is required to ensure that prescribed persons who are owners or occupiers and who are required to pay amounts to water authorities are able to apply for and obtain a concession on the payable amount.

Sub-clause (2) makes consequential amendments to regulation making powers in section 283 (5) of the Water Act 1989.

Clause 5 makes a number of minor amendments to the Water Act 1989 and the Water (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989. The amendments are of a statute law revision nature.