

TASMANIA*

STATUTES

COPPER MINES OF TASMANIA PTY LTD (AGREEMENT) ACT 1994 (No 79/1994) COMMENCEMENT DATE: 16 DECEMBER 1994

The Act provides for the approval and ratification of an agreement with respect to mining and mineral processing operations at Mt Lyell. The agreement, set out in Sch 1 of the Act, is made between the Tasmanian State Crown, Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Ltd and Gold Mines of Australia Ltd.

By s 7 of the Act, the operations of Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Ltd at Mt Lyell are determined to constitute a project of State significance pursuant to the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*. This enables the Minister to refer the environmental assessment of the project directly to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council circumventing the usual assessment processes associated with such activities.

On 7 February 1995, the Parliament approved a direction from the Minister for Environment to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council confirming the redevelopment of Mt Lyell by Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Ltd, a project of State significance calling on the Sustainable Development Advisory Council to ensure its assessment addresses environmental, social, economic and community issues. The direction of the Minister and its approval by the House of Representatives were made in accordance with s 20 of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*.

REGULATIONS

MINING AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 1995 (STATUTORY RULES 1995, No 22)

Amends Pt 2 of Sch 3 of the *Mining Regulations 1930* — Schedule of rental fees.

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