

Constitution (Local Government) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Constitution Act 1975* with respect to local government in Victoria.

Clause 1—Purpose of Act.

The purpose of this Bill is to—

- (a) ensure that there continues to be a democratically elected system of local government in Victoria; and
- (b) identify the areas in which Parliament can make laws relating to local government; and
- (c) provide that a Council cannot be dismissed except by an Act of Parliament.

Clause 2—Commencement.

The Act comes into operation on a day to be proclaimed.

Clause 3—Part IIA of Constitution Act 1975 substituted.

This clause substitutes Part IIA of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

The new Part IIA will contain two sections—

- (a) proposed section 74A provides for there to be a system of local government in Victoria consisting of democratically elected Councils; and
- (b) proposed section 74B provides that Parliament may make laws relating to local government.

