

# Gas Industry (Extension of Supply) Bill

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

*Clause 1* set out the purpose of the Act.

*Clause 2* contains the commencement provision.

*Clause 3* provides for the **Gas Industry Act 1994** to be called the Principal Act.

*Clause 4* provides that section 32 (4) of the Principal Act is subject to a new section 39c.

*Clause 5* inserts two new sections into the Principal Act:

*Proposed section 39b* sets out the requirements in relation to new areas declared by Order of the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister made at the request of a municipal council or another person.

*Proposed section 39c* makes provision for an additional tariff in new areas and sets out requirements as to accounts.

*Clause 6* amends section 40 (4) of the Principal Act in relation to powers of entry of authorised persons.

*Clause 7* amends section 53 of the Principal Act by providing for notification and obligations in relation to entry of land.

*Clause 8* amends section 59 (1) (*f*) of the Principal Act in relation to the resupply of gas.

*Clause 9* amends sections 91 and 92 of the Principal Act by providing that an officer or employee of a gas company includes an authorised agent or contractor.

