

Land Conservation (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 states the purpose of the Bill

Clause 2 provides for commencement on a day to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 nominates the *Land Conservation Act 1970* as the Principal Act.

Clause 4 amends membership provisions of the Land Conservation Council in Section 3 of the Principal Act—

(a) in sub-section (1)

- (i) to substitute for the Director, Land Protection, the Secretary for Planning and Environment or his or her nominee; and
 - (ii) to provide for the option of a nominee of the Chief Administrator of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands; and
 - (iii) to substitute for the Director of Fisheries, a member of a municipal council appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation by the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (b) to insert a new sub-section (3A) to provide for the appointed member of a municipal council to cease to be a member of the Land Conservation Council on ceasing to be a member of a municipal council.
- (c) to substitute sub-section (12) to provide for the Governor in Council to appoint a member to be deputy chairman of the Council.

Sub-clause 4 (2) provides for continuity in relation to the reconstituted Land Conservation Council.

Clause 5 will insert a new sub-section 5 (2A) into the Principal Act to provide that in making a recommendation as to land use the Council must have regard to the social and economic implications relevant to the recommendation.

