Mineral Resources Development (Further Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

Clause 3 defines "Principal Act" to mean Mineral Resources Development Act 1990.

Clause 4 amends the definition of "mineral" contained in section 4 (1) of the Principal Act.

Clause 5 provides for the inclusion of an additional Schedule to the Principal Act which lists substances defined as "minerals".

Clause 6 amends the Principal Act to provide that the holder of an exploration licence or a mining licence may undertake exploration without a planning permit.

Clause 7 contains transitional provisions for titles issued and still in force under the **Extractive Industries Act 1966** and title applications being processed under the **Extractive Industries Act 1966** for substances previously classified as "stone" but classified as "mineral" with the commencement of the **Mineral Resources Development** (Further Amendment) Act 1994.