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.