

# **Parliament House Completion Authority Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

- Clause 1 states the purposes of the Bill, being to establish an Authority to control the refurbishment, extension and completion of Parliament House and to abolish the Public Bodies Review Committee and change the names and functions of two other committees.
- Clause 2 is a commencement provision and provides that the Bill comes into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
- Clause 3 defines certain terms used in the Bill including 'Authority', 'Parliament House' and 'project'.

### **PART 2—PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMPLETION AUTHORITY**

- Clause 4 provides for the establishment of the Parliament House Completion Authority ('the Authority') as a body corporate.
- Clause 5 provides that the Authority is a public authority which represents the Crown.
- Clause 6 sets out the membership of the Authority and provides for the appointment of members of the Authority by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Premier.
- Clause 7 provides that the term of office of an appointed member shall be a term not exceeding two years and that the member may be reappointed.
- Clause 8 provides for vacancies and resignations from office as an appointed member.
- Clause 9 sets out details for the proceedings of the Authority.
- Clause 10 provides for the chairperson to preside at meetings of the Authority.
- Clause 11 states that a member must disclose any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered by the Authority and that a member must not take part in any decision of the Authority in relation to the matter.
- Clause 12 sets out the remuneration payable to the Chairperson and the appointed members.

- Clause 13 states that the office of chairperson or member of the Authority is not an office or place of profit under the Crown.
- Clause 14 states that decisions of the Authority are not invalid merely because of any irregularity in the appointment of a member or a vacancy in the membership.
- Clause 15 sets out the functions of the Authority.
- Clause 16 sets out the powers of the Authority for the purpose of performing its functions.
- Clause 17 provides for the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer with the approval of the Minister.
- Clause 18 empowers the Authority to delegate its powers.
- Clause 19 provides that the Authority may consult with the House Committee with respect to any matter related to the performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Authority.
- Clause 20 requires that all money received by the Authority be paid into a bank account.
- Clause 21 provides that the Authority must prepare a budget which must be approved by the Treasurer and the Minister prior to expenditure of money by the Authority.

### **PART 3—GENERAL**

- Clause 22 empowers the Governor in Council to make regulations.
- Clause 23 amends section 46 of the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** to provide that the House Committee does not have a function, power or duty in relation to the Parliament buildings that is given to the Authority.

### **PART 4—AMENDMENT OF OTHER ACTS**

- Clause 24 amends the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** to change the name of the Community Development Committee to the Family and Community Development Committee and extends the function of the committee.
- Clause 25 amends the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** to change the name of the Crime Prevention Committee to the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee and extends the function of the committee.
- Clause 26 abolishes the Public Bodies Review Committee and amends section 4S of the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** to allow for the consideration by 'other

Committees' of matters which were being considered by a Committee which has lapsed or ceased to have a legal existence.

Clause 27 amends the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** to remove references to the dissolution of the Legislative Council.

Clause 28 repeals section 23 of the **Film Victoria Act 1981**.

Clause 29 repeals section 22 of the **Renewable Energy Authority Victoria Act 1990**.

Clause 30 repeals section 57 of the **Docklands Authority Act 1991**.

