

Water Acts (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Clause 1 outlines the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

PART 2—TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHTS

Clause 3 enables the Rural Water Commission, upon application by the owner of a holding in an irrigation district, to transfer water rights for a period not exceeding one irrigation season. It also enables the Commission to make by-laws in relation to matters affecting transfers.

Clause 4 amends section 91E of the Water Act so that it is not an offence to use water on another holding if such action is authorised under the provisions for temporary transfers.

PART 3—POSTPONEMENT OF EXPIRY

Clause 5 amends section 59 of the Water and Sewerage Authorities (Restructuring) Act.

Sub-clause (1) ensures that the Act and all authorities constituted under the Act continue in existence until 7th June 1988.

Sub-clause (2) ensures that the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board continues in existence until 7th June 1988.

