

RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to approve the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. The agreement amends the existing River Murray Waters Agreement (and is called in this note the "Amending Agreement"). Consequently the Bill amends the River Murray Waters Act 1983.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on 1 January 1988.

Clause 3 approves the Amending Agreement.

Clause 4 gives effect to Schedule 1 which amends the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (1) amends the long title of the Principal Act so as to indicate that the Agreement has been amended and that it now applies to the Murray-Darling Basin.

Schedule 1 (2) amends the short title of the Principal Act, which is now to be known as the "Murray-Darling Basin Act 1983".

Schedule 1 (3)—

- (a) substitutes the definition of "Commission" in section 4 (1) of the Principal Act to reflect the change made to its name by the Amending Agreement; and
- (b) amends the definition of "the Agreement" in that subsection to take account of the Amending Agreement.

Schedule 1 (4) amends section 6 of the Principal Act to allow the appointment of an additional Commissioner and an additional Deputy Commissioner for the purposes of the Agreement.

Schedule 1 (5) amends section 7 of the Principal Act as a consequence of the amendment made by Schedule 2 (4).

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Schedule 1 (6) amends sections 8 and 11 of the Principal Act as a consequence of the amendment made by Schedule 2 (4).

Schedule 1 (7) effects a minor amendment to section 23 of the Principal Act as a consequence of amendments made by the Amending Agreement to clause 68 of the River Murray Waters Agreement.

Schedule 1 (8) inserts a new Schedule 1A (containing the Amending Agreement) into the Principal Act.
