Date Introduced: 10 May 1979
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To approve the Albury-Wodonga Amendment Agreement and to implement its provisions relating to the structure of the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation.

Background

The Commonwealth, New South Wales and Victorian Governments agreed in 1973 that a new growth complex should be developed as a joint project in the Albury-Wodonga area. The agreement was approved and signed by the respective governments. The responsibility for the development of Albury-Wodonga was vested in three Corporations established under legislation of the Commonwealth, New South Wales and Victorian Parliaments. In practice the three corporations act as one.

An amendment agreement was signed on 4 September 1978. It provides for an expansion in the membership of the Development Corporation (Commonwealth) from five to eight members of whom three members will be full time and five part time. Included in the part time members are the Mayors of Albury and Wodonga, which would enable the respective communities to be more directly represented on the Development Corporation. The Amendment Agreement also abolishes the sixteen person Consultative Council which had tended to create friction between the local governments and the Corporation. The Amendment Agreement also enables common membership of all three Corporations and enhances the status of the community advisory committees that had been established.

Main Provisions

Clause 6A approves the Amendment Agreement a copy of which is set out in Schedule 2.
Clause 6 provides for the composition of the Development Corporation in accordance with the Amendment Agreement.

Clause 8 Remuneration of members is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal or as prescribed.

Clause 11 provides for a penalty not exceeding $500 for members who fail to disclose a direct or indirect interest in existing or proposed contracts and projects of the Corporation or of land in the area.

Clause 14 repeals section 22 of the Principal Act which brought the Corporation within the ambit of the Superannuation Act 1922-73.

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