

MURRAY-DARLING BASIN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

The purpose of the Amending Agreement is to enable the Ministerial Council to make a resolution without having to convene a meeting for that purpose. The Ministerial Council consists of those Ministers of the Governments of the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia who have prime responsibility for matters relating to water, land and environment.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 approves the Amending Agreement.

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

Schedule 1 amends the definition of "the Agreement" so that it includes the amendments made by the Amending Agreement.

Schedule 1 (2) inserts a new Schedule (containing the Amending Agreement).
