

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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COAL MINES BILL

Proposed Amendments

Mr BIRCH, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 52: To omit in line 5 on page 44 the words "and continuously".

Clause 202: To omit lines 26 to 33 on page 132, and substitute the following lines:

mining purposes the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister that he is satisfied that it is in the national interest and on the application and at the proper cost and charges of the person requiring the land or the rights in respect thereof, may take the land or any part thereof or any unworked coal therein under the Public Works Act 1928, as for a public work within the meaning of that Act.

Clause 208: To omit from lines 10 and 11 on page 137 the words "if practicable, give reasonable", and substitute the words "give not less than 7 days".

Second Schedule: To omit the items relating to section 15 of the Public Revenues Act 1953.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 52: This amendment removes an ambiguity.

Clause 202: This amendment makes the Minister responsible for determining whether it is in the national interest that land is to be taken under the Public Works Act 1928 for the purpose of mining operations. At present the Bill makes the Governor-General responsible.

Clause 208: This amendment provides that not less than 7 days' notice is given before any authorised person may enter upon any land to make a survey for coal mining purposes.

Second Schedule: This amendment omits the reference to section 15 of the Public Revenues Amendment Act 1953, which was repealed by the Public Finance Act 1977.