

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 27 August 2013

Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Bill

Proposed amendments

Phil Twyford, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 16

Replace *clause 16(4)* (lines 17 to 38 on page 18) with:

- (4) Despite a proposed special housing area being within a scheduled region or district, the Minister must not recommend the making of an Order in Council under this section where—
 - (a) the area is within the district of an accord territorial authority, unless the Minister's recommendation is made on the recommendation of the accord territorial authority under **section 17**; or
 - (b) there is no housing accord between the Minister and the territorial authority for the district in which the area is situated.

Clause 23

Replace *clause 23* (lines 4 to 30 on page 24) with:

- 23 Functions and powers in this Part to be performed or exercised by authorised agency**
- (1) The functions and powers in this Part may be performed or exercised only by the agency authorised in **subsection (2)** (the **authorised agency**).
 - (2) An authorised agency performing or exercising functions or powers under this Part must at all times act consistently with the purpose of this Act and any housing accord in place in the relevant district.
 - (3) The authorised agency is the accord territorial authority in whose district a qualifying development is located.

Cross heading and clauses 82 to 84

Delete the *cross heading above clause 82*, and *clauses 82 to 84* (line 2 on page 62 to line 22 on page 63).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Bill to remove the override provisions in the Bill that allow the Government to impose special housing areas on a local community without a housing accord being reached. Such provisions undermine local democracy and are likely to lead to poor decisions being made around the building of housing because local councils are the bodies best placed to know what housing needs they have and whether housing developments will fit with the council's long term plans for an area.
