

# **DISASTER MANAGEMENT BILL 2003**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **FOR**

### **AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED IN COMMITTEE BY THE HONOURABLE MIKE REYNOLDS AM MP**

#### **Title of the Bill**

*Disaster Management Bill 2003*

#### **Objective of the Amendment**

The amendment in committee to the *Disaster Management Bill 2003* will provide for a new section 164A in the Bill for the transition of certain appointments under the *State Counter-Disaster Organisation Act 1975* to enable their continuation upon commencement of the Bill.

#### **Reason for the Amendment**

Since the introduction of the Bill, it has been identified that a new section 164A is required in Part 14-Repeal and Transitional Provisions of the Bill to transition the current appointments of local controllers so that they can continue in the office as State Emergency Service local controllers once the Bill is passed. The inclusion of this provision is procedural in nature.

#### **Achievement of the Objective**

The amendment will insert an additional section in the Bill that will ensure that the appointments of local controllers will continue as part of the transitional arrangements for the Bill.

**Estimated Cost for Government Implementation**

There will be no administrative cost to government of implementing the proposed amendment.

**Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles**

The amendment does not breach fundamental legislative principles.

**NOTES ON PROVISIONS**

The amendment inserts a new Section 164A into the Bill.

New section 164A provides that a person, who, immediately before the commencement, was a local controller under the repealed Act, is taken to be appointed as the local controller of the relevant SES unit, on commencement. Subsection 2 states that the person is taken to be appointed for the area of the local government for which the local emergency service was established, or for the combined areas for which the service was established.