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No. 8793.

An Act to establish a State Co-ordination Council, to make provision with respect to the Implementation of Policies of the Government, to amend the *Town and Country Planning Act 1961* and for other purposes.

[2nd December, 1975.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title. 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *State Co-ordination Council Act 1975*.

Commence-
ment. (2) This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

" Agency." " Agency " means a Minister of the Crown and any public statutory body responsible for carrying out any works or functions of the State in Victoria.

" Chairman." " Chairman " means the Chairman of the Council.

" Council "

“Council” means the State Co-ordination Council established under this Act. “Council.”

3. (1) For the purpose of this Act there shall be a State Co-ordination Council constituted as hereinafter provided. State
Co-ordination
Council.

(2) The Council shall consist of—

- (a) the Secretary to the Premier's Department or his nominee ;
- (b) the Director of Finance or his nominee ;
- (c) the Under-Secretary or his nominee ;
- (d) the Director of Conservation or his nominee ;
- (e) the Director-General of Public Works or his nominee ;
- (f) the Secretary to the Law Department or his nominee ;
- (g) the Secretary for Labour and Industry or his nominee ;
- (h) the Chairman, Forests Commission or his nominee ;
- (i) the Secretary for Mines or his nominee ;
- (j) the Secretary to the Department of Health or his nominee ;
- (k) the Director-General of Social Welfare or his nominee ;
- (l) the Director-General of Youth, Sport and Recreation or his nominee ;
- (m) the Director of Agriculture or his nominee ;
- (n) the Secretary for Local Government or his nominee ;
- (o) the Secretary for Planning or his nominee ;
- (p) the Director of Transport or his nominee ;
- (q) the Secretary for Fuel and Power or his nominee ;
- (r) the Director of Water Resources or his nominee ;
- (s) the Secretary for Housing or his nominee ;
- (t) the Director, Ministry for the Arts or his nominee ;
- (u) the Director-General of Education or his nominee ;
- (v) the Secretary for State Development or his nominee ;
- (w) the Secretary for Lands or his nominee ;
- (x) the Chairman, Town and Country Planning Board or his nominee ;
- (y) the Chairman, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission or his nominee ;
- (z) the Chairman, Country Roads Board or his nominee ;
- (aa) the Chairman, State Electricity Commission or his nominee ;
- (ab) the Chairman, Victorian Railways Board or his nominee ;

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- (ac) the Chairman, Housing Commission or his nominee ;
- (ad) the Chairman, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works or his nominee ;
- (ae) the Chairman, Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria or his nominee ;
- (af) the Chairman, Land Conservation Council or his nominee ;
- (ag) the Chairman, Environment Protection Authority or his nominee ;
- (ah) the Chairman, Soil Conservation Authority or his nominee ;
- (ai) the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife or his nominee ;
- (aj) the Director of National Parks or his nominee ; and
- (ak) the Chairman, Public Service Board or his nominee.

(3) A nominee member of the Council shall be nominated in writing and may be removed from office at any time by the person nominating him and another person nominated in the place of the original nominee.

Functions of
the Council.

4. (1) The functions of the State Co-ordination Council shall be—

- (a) at the request of the Premier, to advise on the likely medium and long-term effects of the adoption of major proposals or objectives as Government policy ;
- (b) at the request of the Premier, to consider and report on the priorities that should be established in relation to the achievement of objectives related to a particular policy and the priorities between competing policies ;
- (c) at the request of the Premier, to consider and advise on specific plans and projects both in the public and private sectors which involve the development or use of resources, having particular regard to the possible effect of the proposed plans and projects on the responsibilities and functions of agencies ;
- (d) to consider and advise on proposed statements of planning policy and on matters that should be taken into consideration in the interest of the State in the preparation of regional plans ;
- (e) to ensure effective co-ordination of the activities of all agencies participating in the achievement of the policies of the Government ;
- (f) to review and report to the Premier on the effect of changing circumstances on the attainment of the policies of the Government and to advise if in its

opinion

opinion priorities established by the Government for the achievement of policies should be revised ;

- (g) to review the progress and performance in the achievement of objectives or projects which are material to the achievement of the policies of the Government ;
- (h) to advise the Premier and, with his approval, the appropriate Minister, when in the opinion of the Council an agency should be required to develop particular policies and programmes for the purpose of achieving the policies of the Government ; and
- (i) to advise on any matter referred to it by the Premier for consideration and report.

(2) In carrying out its functions under this Act the Council shall give particular consideration to the implications of the matter under consideration in relation to the use and management of significant or scarce resources and the effect of the matter on the physical, economic, social and environmental situation in Victoria.

Duties of the Council.

5. (1) The Premier may by writing under his hand appoint one of the members of the Council to be the Chairman of the Council and one of the members to be the Deputy Chairman.

Chairman.

(2) Unless sooner removed by the Premier from office, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall hold office for the time specified in their appointment.

6. (1) A quorum of the Council shall consist of not less than 19 members and subject to there being a quorum the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

Quorum and proceedings of the Council.

(2) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside.

(3) A member of the Council may in writing appoint a deputy who may attend any meeting of the Council which the member is unable to attend and may revoke any such appointment.

(4) At any meeting which he attends the deputy shall have all the powers of the member.

(5) The decision upon any matter of the majority of the members at a meeting shall be the decision of the Council on that matter and in the event of an equality of votes on any matter the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or a casting vote.

(6) Subject to this Act the Council may regulate its own proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

7. (1) The Council shall constitute from its members four groups to be known as—

Groups.

(a) the Policy and Priority Review Group ;

(b) the

- (b) the Natural Resources Group ;
- (c) the Social Resources Group ; and
- (d) the Works, Services and Development Group.

(2) The Council may from time to time establish regional co-ordinating groups and special task groups.

(3) The members of the groups referred to in sub-section (2) need not be members of the Council.

(4) The constitution of the groups referred to in sub-section (1) shall be subject to the approval of the Premier.

Community
Advisers Panel.

8. (1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a Community Advisers Panel.

(2) The Premier may invite any person who in his opinion can assist in the work of the Council or all or any of its groups to become a member of the Community Advisers Panel.

(3) A person shall not be invited to be a member of the Panel if he is a member or officer of the Government, the Parliament or any agency.

(4) Members of the Panel shall be entitled to be paid such fees and allowances as are prescribed.

(5) The Council or any group referred to in sub-section (1) of section 7 or, with the consent of the Policy and Priority Review Group any other group, may seek the advice and assistance of any members of the Panel in the carrying out of their functions under this Act.

Staff.

9. Subject to the *Public Service Act* 1974 there may be employed such officers and employes as are necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Regulations.

10. The Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing all such matters or things which are authorized or required to be prescribed or as are necessary or convenient for achieving the objects of this Act.

Consequential
amendments of
No. 6849.

11. The *Town and Country Planning Act* 1961 is hereby amended as follows :—

(a) In paragraph (e) of sub-section (4) of section 7 for the words "State Planning Council" there shall be substituted the words "State Co-ordination Council";

(b) Section 8B shall be repealed ;

(c) In sub-section (1) of section 8C for the words "State Planning Council" there shall be substituted the words "State Co-ordination Council" ;

(d) In section 8F for the word "Council" there shall be substituted the words "State Co-ordination Council".