South Melbourne Land Bill

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 cites the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 defines "designated area", "development" and "land" for the purpose of the Act.

Clause 4 empowers the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, upon the recommendation of the Minister administering the Town and Country Planning Act 1961, to acquire land within the designated area by agreement or compulsion. It also provides that the provisions of the Lands Compensation Act shall apply to any acquisition of land for the purposes of this Act.

Clause 5 gives power to the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands to close roads, within the designated area and to extinguish easements and restructure covenants in relation to land purchased or acquired by him.

Clause 6 authorizes the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, after consultation with the Minister administering the Town and Country Planning Act 1961, to sell any Crown land, including any land purchased or acquired under this Act, by public auction, public tender or private treaty.

It also provides that any such sale shall be on any terms and conditions relating to development, redevelopment and use and on any other terms and conditions as the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands thinks fit.

It further provides that any interest under a contract for the sale of land under this Act shall not be transferred or assigned unless the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands consents to such transfer or assignment.

Clause 7 authorizes the Governor in Council to issue a Crown grant in respect of land sold under this Act.

It also empowers the Governor in Council after consultation with the person being the registered proprietor of the land described in a Crown grant issued under this Act to vary or revoke any condition, restriction, exception, reservation or covenant in the grant.

Clause 8 gives power to the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands to enter into a partnership, joint venture or other arrangement with other persons for the purpose of developing or redeveloping any land in the designated area.

Clause 9 stipulates that nothing in this Act shall affect the operation of the Land Act 1958 or the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.

The Schedule to the Bill contains a plan showing the land which is subject to the provisions of the Bill.