

## CLAUSE NOTES

### *Public Works Committee Amendment Bill 2019*

- Clause 1** Short title.
- Clause 2** This clause provides that the Act will commence on the day which it receives Royal Assent.
- Clause 3** This clause defines the Principal Act as being the *Public Works Committee Act 1914*.
- Clause 4** This clause establishes an interpretation section in the Principal Act and provides definitions for terms used in the Act.
- The clause introduces definitions for two types of public works; building or construction and road or bridges. These definitions are required for the purpose of establishing monetary thresholds for the referral of public works to the Committee.
- Clause 5** This clause amends section 15(1) so that the Committee considers and reports on public works at the increased financial thresholds (\$8 million for building or construction works and \$20 million for road or bridges works).
- Clause 6** This clause amends section 16(1) so that public works with estimated costs of completion exceeding the increased financial thresholds (\$8 million for building or construction works and \$20 million for road or bridges works) may only commence following the referral to, and reporting of, those works by the Committee.
- This clause also amends section 16(2) so that the Governor must refer every proposed work that exceeds the new increased financial thresholds to the Committee to be reported on.
- Clause 7** This clause amends section 17 so that the House of Assembly can resolve to direct the referral of public works to the Committee where the estimated costs of the public works do not exceed the increased financial thresholds (\$8 million for building or construction works and \$20 million for road or bridges works).
- Clause 8** This clause amends the heading 'Remuneration of Committee' in the Principal Act to 'Miscellaneous'.
- Clause 9** This clause provides for transitional arrangements so that any public work that is referred to the Committee on a day before the commencement of the amending Act and has not before been reported on, is to be considered and reported by the Committee based on the previous threshold of \$5 million for all public works (and any previous provisions of the Act continue to apply in relation to those public works).
- Clause 10** This clause repeals the amending Act on the first anniversary of the day on which it took effect.