

Gas Supply Amendment (Safety) Bill 1999

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Gas Supply Act 1996* as follows:

- (a) to make it clear that one of the objects of the Act is to promote the safe use of gas,
- (b) to enable regulations to be made for safety matters relating to gas installations, gas appliances and flues,
- (c) to extend the definition of *gasfitting work* in the Act to include work carried out on flues,
- (d) to make amendments by way of statute law revision.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Gas Supply Act 1996* set out in Schedule 1.

Amendments relating to the safe use of gas

Schedule 1 [1] amends section 3 of the Act to make it clear that one of the objects of the Act is to promote the safe use of gas.

Schedule 1 [3] amends section 83 (the general regulation-making power) of the Act to enable regulations to be made for safety matters relating to gas installations, gas appliances and flues, for example, regulations prohibiting the sale or supply of unsafe gas appliances or imposing conditions on the sale or supply of gas appliances to ensure their safe use.

Schedule 1 [4] inserts a power in the Act to make regulations of a savings and transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 [6] inserts a definition of *flue* (any system of pipes and associated fittings designed to convey exhaust gases away from a gas appliance) for the purposes of the Act.

Schedule 1 [7] amends the definition of *gasfitting work* in the Act to include work carried out on flues.

Amendments by way of statute law revision

Schedule 1 [6] inserts a new definition of *Department* in the Act.

Schedule 1 [2] and **[5]** make consequential amendments.