

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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CLUTHA DEVELOPMENT (CLYDE DAM)

EMPOWERING BILL

Proposed Amendments

Hon. W.F. Birch, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 3: To add the following subclause:

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 24D and 24E of the Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967, where it is intended that action be taken under either of those sections, the right granted by subsection (1)(b) of this section shall first be substantially restricted or suspended before any right to take water from the lake formed by the said dam for irrigation, rural water supplies, or frost fighting is restricted or suspended.

Schedule: Part II: To omit from clause 8 the words "namely 472 cubic metres per second,".

To omit the word "may", and substitute the word "shall".

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 3: The proposed amendment provides that, before action is taken to restrict or suspend any water rights, the right of the Minister to take water under clause 3(1)(b) shall first be substantially restricted or suspended before any right to take water from Lake Dunstan for irrigation, rural water supplies, or frost fighting is restricted or suspended.

Schedule: Part II: The first amendment omits the reference to 472 cubic metres per second as being the natural mean flow of the Clutha River.

The second amendment makes it mandatory for the Authority to reduce the average amount of water taken by up to 9 cubic metres per second in order to provide water for rights for irrigation, rural water supplies, and frost fighting.