

Victoria Grant (Millewa Pipelines)

No. 70 of 1972

An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Victoria in connexion with the Construction of Pipelines and of certain Associated Works in the Millewa area in that State.

[Assented to 31 August 1972]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

- | | |
|--|---|
| Short title. | 1. This Act may be cited as the <i>Victoria Grant (Millewa Pipelines) Act 1972</i> . |
| Commencement. | 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. |
| Definition. | 3. In this Act, "the State" means the State of Victoria. |
| Grant of financial assistance. | 4.—(1.) Where, on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, expenditure has been, or is, incurred by the State in carrying out the works, and doing the other things, referred to in the Schedule to this Act, there are payable to the State, subject to this Act, by way of financial assistance, such amounts as the Treasurer from time to time determines to be necessary to reimburse the State in respect of that expenditure by the State.

(2.) The amounts paid to the State under this Act shall not exceed, in the aggregate, Two million dollars. |
| Power of Minister to vary description of work. | 5. Where the State so requests, the Minister may, from time to time, by instrument in writing, direct that this Act have effect in relation to a work referred to in the Schedule to this Act as if the description in that Schedule of that work were varied in such manner as is specified in the instrument. |
| Provision relating to carrying out of works. | 6. The State is not entitled to financial assistance under this Act in relation to expenditure by the State, whether incurred before or after the commencement of this Act, in carrying out a particular work—

(a) where the Minister has requested the State to furnish information in relation to the design or construction of the work—unless the State has duly furnished that information;

(b) unless the Minister is satisfied that the design and construction of the work are in accordance with the purposes for which the work was proposed by the State; and |

- (c) where the expenditure was incurred under a contract (being a contract entered into after the commencement of this Act) providing for the expenditure of more than Five hundred thousand dollars—unless the contract was entered into with the approval of the Minister.

7. The State is not entitled to financial assistance under this Act in relation to particular expenditure by the State unless the State has furnished to the Treasurer—

Information to be furnished by State in relation to expenditure.

- (a) a statement in respect of that expenditure in accordance with a form approved by the Treasurer, accompanied by a certificate of the Auditor-General of the State certifying that the expenditure shown in the statement was incurred in carrying out works, or doing other things, referred to in the Schedule to this Act; and
- (b) such further information, if any, as the Treasurer requires in respect of that expenditure.

8. The Treasurer may, at such times as he thinks fit, make advances of such amounts as he thinks fit to the State on account of an amount that may become payable under this Act to the State.

Advances.

9. Payment to the State under this Act of any amount (including an advance) is subject to the condition that the State will repay to the Commonwealth, on demand by the Treasurer, the amount by which, at the time of the demand, the total of the amounts (including advances) paid to the State under this Act exceeds the total of the amounts that have become payable to the State under section 4 of this Act.

Overpayments.

10. Amounts payable to the State under this Act are payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.

Appropriation.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 4.

MATTERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED

1. The construction of pipelines to carry water from Lake Cullulleraine or the storage tank referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule for supply to rural holdings in any of the following parishes in the State, being parishes in the Millewa area:—

Benetook	Mallanbool	Morkalla	Tunart	Willah
Karawinna	Mallore	Mullroo	Wallpolla	Woolwoola
Karween	Meringur	Murrnroong	Wargan	Yaramba
Koleya	Merrinee	Tarrango	Warrimoo	Yarrara
Kurnwill	Mildura	Tulillah	Werrimull	Yelta

2. The installation of such works as are required for the efficient operation of the pipelines referred to in the preceding paragraph of this Schedule.

3. The construction of a pumping station at Lake Cullulleraine and the carrying out of such works as are required to ensure the efficient functioning of the pumping station adjacent to the Murray River and commonly known as the Millewa "A" pumping station.

4. The construction of a storage tank capable of storing approximately 150 acre feet of water, about 8 miles south-west of Werrimull.

5. The carrying out of works incidental to any of the works referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule.

6. The acquisition of land that is required for the carrying out of any of the works referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule or may be affected by any of those works.