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Outline

This Bill amends the provision in the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 which allows the Minister to "call in" a development application for determination. The Bill makes the notice by which the Minister calls in a development application a disallowable instrument.

Clauses

Clauses 1, 2 and 3

are formal requirements which set out the name of the Act, commencement provisions and the name of the Act amended.

Clause 4

omits subsections 229A (7) and (8) and substitutes new subsections 229A(7) to (14) -

(7) makes the notice issued under 229A(6) a disallowable instrument;

(8) provides that a statement be presented to the Assembly with the notice. This is similar to the existing paragraph 229A(7)(b);

(9) provides that the Commissioner for Land and Planning must not decide the application to which the notice relates unless the notice ceases to have effect;

(10) provides that the notice takes effect after the 6th sitting day after the notice is presented to the Legislative Assembly, assuming it is not disallowed under chapter 7 of the Legislation Act 2001;

(11) provides that the Minister must tell the applicant in writing about the notice. This is similar to the existing paragraph 229A(7)(a)

(12) repeats the existing subsection 229A(8) regarding delegation of the Minister's power

(13) and (14) are transitional provisions to allow the existing Act to apply to notices given before this Bill is passed and comes into effect.