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The Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) (Amendment) Bill 1990 will amend the Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989 to extend the operation of the Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989 from 30 June 1990 to 28 February 1991.

The Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989 suspends the operation of Part VIIIA of the Electricity and Water Act 1988. Part VIIIA of the Electricity and Water Act 1988 prohibits the addition of chemicals to the water supply system of the Territory other than chemicals for the purposes of purifying the water or fluoride where the addition of fluoride is approved by the majority of electors of the Territory at a referendum.

Details of the Bill are as follows.

Clause 1 cites the short title, when enacted, as the Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) (Amendment) Act 1990.

Clause 2 provides that where the term Principal Act is used, it refers to the Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989.

Clause 3 amends section 3 of the Principal Act by omitting "30 June 1990" and substituting "28 February 1991", so as to suspend the operation of Part VIIIA of the <u>Electricity and Water Act 1988</u> until the expiration of 28 February 1991.

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