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Fuel Emergency Act 1977

PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

By His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as Deputy for the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas it is provided by section 3 (1) of the *Fuel Emergency Act 1977* that where at any time it appears to the Governor in Council that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any person or body of persons whereby any kind of fuel is or is likely to become unavailable to meet the reasonable requirements of the community and that a state of emergency exists or is likely to exist in relation to fuel the Governor in Council may by Proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* declare that a state of emergency exists in relation to that fuel:

And whereas it appears to the Governor in Council that the supplies of certain fuels that is to say petroleum and petroleum products are likely to become unavailable to meet the reasonable requirements of the community and that a state of emergency is likely to exist in relation to that fuel:

Now therefore I, the Governor of the said State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof do by this Proclamation declare that a state of emergency exists in relation to petroleum and petroleum products and I further declare that unless sooner revoked this Proclamation shall remain in force for the period of seven days from the date hereof.

For the purposes of this Proclamation—

“petroleum” means—

- (a) any naturally occurring hydrocarbon, whether in a gaseous, liquid or solid state;
- (b) any naturally occurring mixture of hydrocarbons, whether in a gaseous, liquid or solid state; or
- (c) any naturally occurring mixture of one or more hydrocarbons, whether in a gaseous, liquid or solid state, and one or more of the following, that is to say, hydrogen sulphide, nitrogen, helium and carbon dioxide;

and includes any petroleum as defined by paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this definition that has been returned to a natural reservoir; and
 “petroleum product” means any derivative of petroleum obtained by distillation, catalytic, cracking or other refining process and includes motor spirit (petrol), aviation fuel, heating oil, kerosene, lubricating oil, diesel fuel and liquefied petroleum gases.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty, and in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Australia.

(L.S.)

JOHN McI. YOUNG

By His Excellency's Command

L. H. S. THOMPSON
Acting Premier

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

