

remember that we had a similar bill discussing channel deepening in the last Parliament. There was a debate, as I understand, about the time that that bill was to be held over, and despite that motion, as I understand it — this is going back a long while now — that bill hung around on the notice paper for months and months, well past the six weeks that this one has.

This is potentially a contentious issue, and whilst I understand that the bill does not directly concern channel deepening, it concerns some aspects of it. I think it is therefore important that there is an amount of time for members to discuss the implications of that, and therefore I will be supporting the amendment proposed by the member for Kew.

House divided on omission (members in favour vote no):

Ayes, 41

Allan, Ms	Kosky, Ms
Andrews, Mr	Langdon, Mr
Barker, Ms	Languiller, Mr
Batchelor, Mr	Lim, Mr
Beattie, Ms	Lupton, Mr
Brooks, Mr	Marshall, Ms
Cameron, Mr	Merlino, Mr
Campbell, Ms	Morand, Ms
Carli, Mr	Munt, Ms
Crutchfield, Mr	Nardella, Mr
D'Ambrosio, Ms	Neville, Ms
Duncan, Ms	Noonan, Mr
Eren, Mr	Pallas, Mr
Foley, Mr	Pandazopoulos, Mr
Graley, Ms	Richardson, Ms
Green, Ms	Scott, Mr
Hardman, Mr	Seitz, Mr
Harkness, Dr	Stensholt, Mr
Helper, Mr	Treize, Mr
Holding, Mr	Wynne, Mr
Hudson, Mr	

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Asher, Ms	Napthine, Dr
Baillieu, Mr	Northe, Mr
Blackwood, Mr	O'Brien, Mr
Burgess, Mr	Powell, Mrs
Clark, Mr	Shardey, Mrs
Crisp, Mr	Smith, Mr K.
Delahunty, Mr	Smith, Mr R.
Dixon, Mr	Sykes, Dr
Fyffe, Mrs	Thompson, Mr
Hodgett, Mr	Tilley, Mr
Ingram, Mr	Victoria, Mrs
Jasper, Mr	Wakeling, Mr
Kotsiras, Mr	Walsh, Mr
McIntosh, Mr	Weller, Mr
Morris, Mr	Wells, Mr
Mulder, Mr	

Amendment defeated.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned until Thursday 25 October.

11:25

AGENT-GENERAL AND COMMISSIONERS FOR VICTORIA BILL

Statement of compatibility

Ms ALLAN (Minister for Regional and Rural Development) tabled following statement in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act:

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Agent-General and Commissioners for Victoria Bill 2007.

In my opinion, the Agent-General and Commissioners for Victoria Bill 2007, as introduced to the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the charter. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of bill

Human rights issues

1. Human rights protected by the charter that are relevant to the bill

The bill does not engage any of the rights under the charter.

2. Consideration of reasonable limitations — section 7(2)

As the bill does not engage any of the rights under the charter, it is not necessary to consider section 7(2) of the charter.

Conclusion

I consider that the bill is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities because it does not raise a human rights issue.

HON JACINTA ALLAN, MP
Minister for Rural and Regional Development
Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation

Second reading

Ms ALLAN (Minister for Regional and Rural Development) — I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

Victoria is a small player on a large world stage, where it is imperative to both promote and differentiate ourselves. We need to demonstrate the benefits of our goods, services and expertise, as well as our natural advantages of diversity of culture and language, which make Victoria particularly well suited to meet world expectations and exceed them.

