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Long title amended by No. 8181 s. 2. An Act to provide for the Appointment of a Valuer-general and a Valuers' Qualification Board, and to make further Provision with regard to the Valuation of Land by Municipalities, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Valuation of Land Act 1960.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette and different days may be so fixed for different Parts or sections of this Act.

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S. 1(3) amended by Nos 7276 s. 2(a), 8405 s. 5(a)(b), repealed by No. 121/1986 s. 112.

S. 2 amended by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(a).

2. Definitions

(1) In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

- "area" means the territory within which a rating authority levies rates or taxes;
- "capital improved value" means the sum which land, if it were held for an estate in fee simple unencumbered by any lease, mortgage or other charge, might be expected to realize at the time of valuation if offered for sale on any reasonable terms and conditions which a genuine seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require;

S. 2(1) def. of "capital improved value" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(b).

"council" has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act 1989;

S. 2(1) def. of "council" substituted by No. 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 item 125.1).

- "estimated annual value" of any land, means the rent at which the land might reasonably be expected to be let from year to year (free of all usual tenants' rates and taxes) less—
- S. 2(1) def. of "estimated annual value" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(c) (as substituted by No. 78/1991 s. 15(a)), amended by No. 91/1994 s. 4(a).
- (a) the probable annual average cost of insurance and other expenses (if any) necessary to maintain the land in a state to command that rent (but not including the cost of rates and charges under the **Local Government Act 1989**); and
- (b) the land tax that would be payable if that land was the only land its owner owned;
- "farm land" means any rateable land—
 - (a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and
 - (b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pigfarming, poultry-farming, fish-farming,

S. 2(1) def. of "farm land" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(c), substituted by No. 91/1994 s. 4(b). tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and

- (c) that is used by a business—
 - (i) that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
 - (ii) that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
 - (iii) that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating;
- "general valuation" means a valuation of all the rateable land in the area of a rating authority or in any one or more subdivisions of such an area and includes any valuation made pursuant to sub-section (2) of section eight of this Act;
- "improvements", for the purpose of ascertaining the site value of land, means all work actually done or material used on and for the benefit of the land, but in so far only as the effect of the work done or material used increases the value of the land and the benefit is unexhausted at the time of the valuation, but, except as provided in subsection (2AA), does not include—
 - (a) work done or material used for the benefit of the land by the Crown or by any statutory public body; or

S. 2(1) def. of "general valuation" inserted by No. 6825 s. 2, amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(2)(a).

S. 2(1) def. of "improve-ments" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(d) (as amended by No. 81/1989 s. 3(Sch. item 56)), amended by 10/1996 s. 27(1).

- (b) improvements comprising—
 - (i) the removal or destruction of vegetation or the removal of timber, rocks, stone or earth; or
 - (ii) the draining or filling of the land or any retaining walls or other works appurtenant to the draining or filling; or
 - (iii) the arresting or elimination of erosion or the changing or improving of any waterway on or through the land—

unless those improvements can be shown by the owner or occupier of the land to have been made by that person or at that person's expense within the fifteen years before the valuation;

"mortgage" includes every charge upon land which is registered under any Act relating to the registration of deeds or instruments affecting title to land, and includes a transfer or conveyance to a registered building society, subject to a deed of defeasance in favour of a borrower;

S. 2(1) def. of "mortgage" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(d).

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"net annual value" of any land, means—

- (a) except in the case of the lands described in paragraphs (b) and (c)—
 - (i) the estimated annual value of the land; or

S. 2(1) def. of "municipality" repealed by No. 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 item 125.2). S. 2(1) def. of "net annual value" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(e) (as amended by No. 78/1991 s. 15(b)).

(ii) five per centum of the capital improved value of the land—

(whichever is the greater); or

- (b) in the case of any rateable land which is—
 - (i) farm land; or
 - (ii) a house, flat or unit (other than an apartment house, lodging house or boarding house) in the exclusive occupation of the owner and used for residential purposes; or
 - (iii) a house or unit (other than an apartment house, lodging house or boarding house) in the exclusive occupation of a tenant and used for residential purposes; or
 - (iv) a residential unit in respect of which a residence right in a retirement village (as defined in the Retirement Villages Act 1986) exists—

five per centum of the capital improved value of the land; or

- (c) in the case of parklands, reserves or other lands owned by the Crown or any statutory authority, occupied (other than under any lease) for pastoral purposes only—the estimated annual value of it;
- "owner" in relation to any land, means the person who is entitled to receive the rack-rent for the land or who, if the land were let at a rack-rent, would be entitled to receive the rent;

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"Part" means Part of this Act;

"prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or by regulations under this Act;

"rating authority" means—

- (a) any council in respect of its powers under any Act;
- (b) any Authority under the **Water Act** 1989;

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Nos 81/1989 s. 3(Sch. item 55(a)(b)), 105/1995 s. 4, 40/1997 s. 138(Sch. 2

item 16.1).

S. 2(1) def. of

amended by

"rating authority"

- (d) Melbourne Water Corporation;
- (e) Melbourne Parks and Waterways;
- (f) the Commissioner of State Revenue;
- (g) any other authority which levies rates or taxes and is prescribed for the purpose by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette;

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S. 2(1) def. of "registered valuer" inserted by No. 8649 s. 2, repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(1)(a).

"residential use land" means any rateable land—

- (a) which is a unit or self-contained dwelling-house used solely for residential purposes; and
- (b) which is situated in the municipal district of a council in which rates are levied in whole or in part on the site value of rateable land; and
- (c) the site value of which, or in the case of a unit, the site value of the larger

S. 2(1) def. of "residential use land" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f). property of which the unit forms a part, has been declared by a valuer responsible for making valuations within the municipal district concerned to have been materially increased by reason that it is suitable for development or further development which is allowed by or pursuant to any relevant planning scheme;

S. 2(1) def. of "site value" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f). "site value" of land, means the sum which the land, if it were held for an estate in fee simple unencumbered by any lease, mortgage or other charge, might in ordinary circumstances be expected to realise at the time of the valuation if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a genuine seller might be expected to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had not been made;

S. 2(1) def. of "unit" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f).

"unit" means—

- (a) a unit on a registered plan within the meaning of the **Strata Titles Act 1967**; and
- (b) a stratum estate within the meaning of the **Transfer of Land Act 1958**; and
- (c) a building or part of a building in the exclusive occupation of a person who is entitled to occupation by virtue of being a shareholder in a company which owns the building or a tenant of such a shareholder; and
- (d) a residential unit in respect of which a residence right in a retirement village under the Retirement Villages Act
 1986 is in force;

"urban farm land" means any farm land the site value or net annual value of which has been declared by the valuer appointed by the Council to make the general or supplementary valuation to have been materially increased—

S. 2(1) def. of "urban farm land" inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f).

- (a) by reason of its proximity to land which has been or is being developed for residential, industrial, commercial or other urban purposes; or
- (b) by reason of its proximity to land which has been or is being subdivided into allotments used or intended to be used predominantly for recreational or residential purposes—

and on which in the opinion of the valuer any farming operations would be ancillary to the predominant use of the land.

(2) In estimating the value of improvements on any land for the purpose of ascertaining the site value of the land, the value of the improvements is the sum by which the improvements upon the land are estimated to increase its value if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a genuine seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require.

S. 2(2) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f).

(2AA) Works relating to a port, being buildings, breakwaters, berths, wharfs, aprons, canals or associated works are improvements within the meaning of this Act.

S. 2(2AA) inserted by No. 10/1996 s. 27(2).

(2A) In determining the estimated annual value of any land, the rent at which the land might reasonably be expected to be let from year to year is to be taken to be the annual rent at which the land might reasonably be let at the usually prevailing terms and conditions.

S. 2(2A) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f) (as amended by No. 78/1991 s. 15(c)). S. 2(3) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f). (3) If it is necessary to determine the capital improved value or site value of any rateable land in respect of which any person is liable to be rated, but which forms part of a larger property, the capital improved value and site value of each part are as nearly as practicable the sum which bears the same proportion to the capital improved value and site value of the whole property as the estimated annual value of the portion bears to the estimated annual value of the whole property.

S. 2(4) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f). (4) If it is necessary to determine the site value of a unit described in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of "unit" in sub-section (1), sub-section (3) applies, and a unit forms part of a larger property which is the land comprised in the strata subdivision.

S. 2(5) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f). (5) If it is necessary to determine the capital improved value or site value of a lot or lots on a subdivision under the **Cluster Titles Act 1974**, the rateable land includes any interest in common property and accessory lots, but does not form part of a larger property.

S. 2(6) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f).

(6) Despite anything in this Act or the Local Government Act 1989, the capital improved value and the site value of any rateable land which is, or part of which is, land which is the subject of a covenant under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972 is calculated on the basis that the owner of the land is bound by that covenant as to the development or use of the land or part of the land.

S. 2(7) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f).

(7) If any area of land which is not less than 4 hectares in size is planted after the commencement of the **Forests Act 1907** with trees approved of by the Director-General of Conservation, Forests and Lands as being suitable for mining or commercial purposes, and those

trees are planted not more than 3 metres apart from each other, in computing the net annual value or capital improved value of that area of land, the increase in the value of the area of land by reason of the trees planted on it must not be taken into consideration.

- (8) Despite anything in this Act or the Local Government Act 1989, the capital improved value, net annual value and site value of any rateable land which is a registered place within the meaning of the Heritage Act 1995 or on which there is situated a building which is included in the Heritage Register established under that Act must be calculated on the basis—
- S. 2(8) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f), amended by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.1(a)).
- (a) as to the part actually occupied by the building included in the Heritage Register established under the **Heritage Act 1995**—
- S. 2(8)(a) amended by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.1(b)).
- (i) that the land may be used only for the purpose for which it was used at the date of valuation; and
- (ii) that all improvements on that land as at the date of valuation may be continued and maintained in order that the use of the land referred to in sub-paragraph (i) may be continued; and
- (iii) that no improvements, other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (ii), may be made to or on that land; or
- (b) as to any part (not actually occupied by the building which is included in the Heritage Register and which is not land that is included in the Heritage Register) that the building which is included in the Heritage Register cannot be removed or demolished and that any land referred to in paragraph (c) must not be subdivided or developed unless

S. 2(8)(b) substituted by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.1(c)). S. 2(8)(c) amended by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1) (Sch. 2 item 8.1(d)(i) (ii)).

S. 2(9) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f) (as amended by No. 86/1989 s. 26(2) (as amended by No. 48/1991 s. 66(3)(a))), amended by No. 91/1994 s. 38(a).

- a permit to subdivide or develop the land has been granted by the Heritage Council; or
- (c) as to any land that is included in the Heritage Register established under the **Heritage Act** 1995 that the land cannot be subdivided or developed or if a permit to subdivide or develop the land has been granted by the Heritage Council, that it can be subdivided or developed only in accordance with that permit.
- (9) If—
 - (a) a planning scheme under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** prohibits the pulling down or removal of a building; or
 - (b) a planning scheme under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** provides that a permit is required before a building may be pulled down or removed and—
 - (i) the responsible authority has refused to grant a permit; or
 - (ii) the Administrative Appeals Tribunal has directed that no permit issue—

then despite anything in the **Local Government Act 1989** or this Act the capital improved value, net annual value and site value of any rateable land that includes the building must be calculated on the basis that the building cannot be pulled down or removed.

S. 2(10) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 5(1)(f).

- (10) Despite anything in this Act or the **Local Government Act 1989**
 - (a) the capital improved value and site value of any parklands, reserves or other lands owned

by the Crown or any statutory authority which are occupied (otherwise than under any lease) for pastoral purposes only are twenty times the net annual value; and

(b) the capital improved value and site value of unused roads and water frontages licensed under the **Land Act 1958** or any corresponding previous enactment are twenty times the annual licence fee payable for them under that Act.

S. 2(10)(b) amended by No. 96/1994 s. 58(a)(b).

2A. Determination of estimated annual value

S. 2A inserted by No. 105/1995 s. 3.

- (1) Despite any law to the contrary, in determining the estimated annual value of any land for any valuation used by a rating authority for a rating period which commenced before, on or after 1 October 1995 no deduction is to be made for—
 - (a) any provision, allowance or notional contribution to a sinking fund for the renewal or replacement of any building, fitting, fixture or other improvement on that land; or
 - (b) any provision or allowance or setting aside of an amount for depreciation of any building, fitting, fixture or other improvement on that land.
- (2) Nothing in sub-section (1) affects—
 - (a) the rights or obligations of the parties in the proceeding known as **The Shell Co. of Australia Limited and Number 1 Spring Street Pty. Ltd. v City of Melbourne**(Number 5994 of 1994) in the Supreme Court of Victoria:
 - (b) the determination of the estimated annual value of any land in any proceeding relating to an objection, or an objection requested to

be treated as an appeal, to the valuation of that land for a rating period commencing before 1 October 1995 if—

- (i) the objection or appeal has been lodged before 18 October 1995; and
- (ii) the proceeding has not been finally determined before that time—

to the extent that the proceeding relates to the same rating period as the objection or appeal.

- (3) Nothing in this section applies to the determination of the estimated annual value of any land in relation to any rating period which commenced—
 - (a) after the rating period which was the subject of the proceeding referred to in sub-section (2)(a); or
 - (b) after the rating period referred to in subsection (2)(b) which was the subject of the proceeding—

but before 1 October 1995 with respect to the parties in those proceedings.

PART I—VALUER-GENERAL

3. Valuer-general and other employees

(1) A valuer-general, a deputy valuer-general and any employees that are required for the administration of this Act are to be employed under Part 3 of the **Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998**.

S. 3(1) amended by No. 9427 s. 3(Sch. 2 item 15), 91/1994 s. 38(b)(i)(ii), substituted by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

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S. 3(2) amended by No. 8649 s. 3(a), repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(1)(b).

- (3) For the purposes of this Act valuers may be employed on a basis of payment by fees to make valuations in special cases or to advise in respect of such valuations.
- (4) With the approval of the Minister administering the Department concerned the services of any employee in any other Department or the Public Service may be used for the purposes of this Act.
- (5) Upon payment of such fees as may be set by the valuer-general the valuer-general the deputy valuer-general or any valuer nominated by the valuer-general may make valuations of land at the request of—
 - (a) a Minister or the permanent head of any government department or the principal officer of any public office or any officer authorized by the Minister, the Department Head or the principal officer (whichever case is applicable) to make the request;

- S. 3(3) amended by Nos 8649 s. 3(b), 91/1994 s. 3(c).
- S. 3(4) amended by Nos 78/1991 s. 28(3)(a), 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).
- S. 3(5) inserted by No. 7762 s. 2, amended by Nos 55/1989 s. 11(2)(b), 91/1994 s. 5(a). S. 3(5)(a) amended by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

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No. 8649 s. 3(c).

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- (b) the secretary or other similar officer of an authority constituted for any public purpose; or
- (c) the owner of the land or his legal representative—
 - (i) where the valuation is required for the purpose of assessing duties under the **Probate Duty Act 1962** or any corresponding previous enactment or for determining for the purposes of the **Stamps Act 1958** or any corresponding previous enactment the value of any land which is the subject of settlement or gift or for taxation purposes; or
 - (ii) for the purpose of settling any dispute as to the value of the land where both parties to the dispute have agreed that the valuer-general should make such a valuation.

S. 3A inserted by No. 6825 s. 3, substituted by No. 7762 s. 3.

3A. Access to lands, buildings etc.

S. 3A(1) amended by Nos 55/1989 s. 11(4), 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1). (1) The valuer-general the deputy valuer-general and any valuer appointed or employed pursuant to the provisions of this Act or the Local Government Act 1989 may, when reasonably necessary for the purposes of any valuation, enter at all reasonable hours in the daytime into and upon any land building or premises and inspect the same without liability for trespass, may put either verbally or in writing to the owner or his agent or the person in occupation or charge of that land building or premises any relevant questions to enable the making of a true and correct valuation, and may, in the case of a valuation made pursuant to

paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-section (5) of section 3, inspect any books documents and papers for the purpose of such valuation and without charge take extracts therefrom.

(2) If after being informed of the purpose in desiring to enter and inspect the land building or premises or in putting the questions or in seeking to inspect such books documents or papers relevant to the making of a true and correct valuation, and of the authority so to do, any such owner agent or person refuses or fails to allow such entry or inspection, or refuses or wilfully omits to answer to the best of his knowledge or belief any such question either verbally or in writing as the questioner may have requested, or wilfully makes any false answer or statement in reply to that question, or refuses to allow such books documents or papers to be inspected or extracts taken therefrom, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

S. 3A(2) amended by No. 7315 s. 5(1).

Penalty: \$200.

(3) Every person appointed or employed pursuant to section 3 for the purposes of this ActS. 3A(3) amended by Nos 8649 s. 4(a), 46/1998 8.3(Sighal). amended by Nos 8649 s. 4(b), 55/1989 s. 6.

- (a) shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of all matters related to any information obtained or documents created by the valuer-general for the purpose of providing valuation advice and shall not communicate any such matter to any person whomsoever except for the purposes of this Act; and
- (b) shall take such oath of fidelity and secrecy as may be prescribed, and the oath may be administered by the valuer-general the deputy valuer-general or a magistrate.

S. 3A(3)(b) amended by No. 57/1989 s. 3(Sch. item 208.1).

S. 3A(4) amended by No. 7315 s. 5(1). (4) A person required under this section to take an oath who acts in the execution of the provisions of sub-section (3) before he has taken such oath shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: \$400.

S. 3A(5) amended by No. 7315 s. 5(1). (5) A person required under this section to take an oath who wilfully acts in contravention of the true intent of such oath shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: \$1000 or imprisonment for twelve months or both.

S. 3A(6) inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 308

- (6) Despite sub-section (3), the Secretary of the Department administering this Act has access to any material that is—
 - (a) required by the Secretary for the purposes of the **Freedom of Information Act 1982**; and
 - (b) prepared under or for the purposes of this Act

4. Power of delegation

- (1) For the purposes of carrying out the objects and purposes of this Act and exercising his powers duties and responsibilities hereunder, the valuer-general is hereby authorized with the approval of the Minister to delegate to the deputy valuer-general or to any other person holding an office of valuer under this Act any of his powers duties and functions under this Act.
- (2) Any such delegation may be made in respect of any particular matter or any class of matters or generally, or may be limited to any part of the State, and may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the valuer-general thinks fit.

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(3) Any delegation under this section shall be revocable at will and shall not prevent the exercise or performance of any power duty or function by the valuer-general.

5. Functions of valuer-general

- S. 5 amended by No. 7235 s. 3(a).
- (1) The functions of the valuer-general shall be—
 - (a) to carry out the duties conferred on him by this Act:
 - (b) to collect and collate such evidence as he thinks necessary or desirable to assist valuers in the making of valuations;
 - (c) to make available to valuers any evidence that may be of assistance in the making of valuations;
 - (d) generally to investigate and report to the Minister on any matter he considers likely to improve the standard of valuing in Victoria.
- (2) Upon payment of such fees as may be set by the valuer-general the valuer-general may subject to and in accordance with any written policy directions of the Minister supply to any person any information in his possession as to the details of any sale or transfer of land or of an interest in land.

inserted by No. 7235 s. 3(b), amended by Nos 9225 s. 3(a), 91/1994 s. 5(b).

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S. 5(3) inserted by No. 8/1988 s. 3, repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 5(c).

5A. Determining value of land

S. 5A inserted by No. 7333 s. 3.

(1) Unless otherwise expressly provided where pursuant to the provisions of any Act a court board tribunal valuer or other person is required to determine the value of any land, every matter or

thing which such court board tribunal valuer or person considers relevant to such determination shall be taken into account.

- (2) In considering the weight to be given to the evidence of sales of other lands when determining such value, regard shall be given to the time at which such sales took place, the terms of such sales, the degree of comparability of the lands in question and any other relevant circumstances.
- (3) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions of this section when determining such value there shall, where it is relevant, be taken into account—
 - (a) the use to which such land is being put at the relevant time, the highest and best use to which the land might reasonably be expected to be put at the relevant time and to any potential use;
 - (b) the effect of any Act, regulation, local law, planning scheme or other such instrument which affects or may effect the use or development of such land:
 - development of such land;
 - (c) the shape size topography soil quality situation and aspect of the land;
 - (d) the situation of the land in respect to natural resources and to transport and other facilities and amenities;
 - (e) the extent condition and suitability of any improvements on the land; and
 - (f) the actual and potential capacity of the land to yield a monetary return.

S. 5A(3)(b) amended by Nos 45/1987 s. 205(Sch. item 50), 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 item 125.3).

6. Participation in general valuations made by another rating authority

- (1) A rating authority proposing to make a general valuation of rateable land shall give to the valuer-general and to every other rating authority interested in the valuation of land within its area not less than one month's notice of its resolution to cause such a general valuation to be made.
- S. 6(1) substituted by No. 6825 s. 4, amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(2)(c).
- (2) Any rating authority may by notice in writing within one month of the receipt of notice of a resolution by any other rating authority to cause a general valuation to be made request the valuer-general to require that general valuation or any specified part of that valuation to show the net annual value, the site value, the capital improved value or any one or more of those values; and the valuer-general shall forthwith request the rating authority which has resolved to cause the general valuation to be made to show such value or values in that valuation and every such request shall be given effect to by the rating authority.
- S. 6(2) substituted by No. 6825 s. 4, amended by No. 91/1994 s. 38(c).

- (3) The additional cost incurred by a rating authority in complying with any such request by the valuer-general shall be met by the rating authority or authorities responsible for that request in such proportions as the valuer-general determines, and any cost so met shall be taken into account in the determination of fees pursuant to section 8AA of this Act.
- S. 6(3) substituted by No. 6825 s. 4, amended by Nos 7762 s. 4, 8649 s. 7(3), 91/1994 s. 38(d).
- (4) A council may require any valuer appointed to value land within the municipality to return in addition to the net annual value the site value and the capital improved value.

S. 6(4) amended by Nos 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 item 125.4), 91/1994 s. 38(c).

7. Valuers to confer

S. 7(1) substituted by No. 6825 s. 5(a), amended by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

- S. 7(2) substituted by No. 7235 s. 4(a), amended by No. 8649 s. 5(a)(i)(ii), substituted by No. 10107 s. 3, amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(3)(a).
- S. 7(2A) inserted by No. 6825 s. 5(a), amended by No. 7726 s. 5(a).
- S. 7(2B) inserted by No. 7333 s. 4(a).

- (1) Any valuer appointed or employed by a rating authority to carry out a general valuation for the purpose of any rate shall at the request of the valuer-general confer with the valuer-general or any officer or employee nominated by him and with any other valuer designated by the valuer-general as being concerned with the valuations for the purpose of any rate in the area of any other rating authority which is in the general vicinity of the area to be valued.
- (2) The Minister after consultation with the valuer-general shall fix a date as at which the value of all the rateable property within the area of such general valuation shall be assessed and such general valuation shall be assessed accordingly, but having regard to every circumstance present affecting the value of the land at the date of the return of the valuation, which circumstance would if it were to subsequently occur or come into existence require the making of a supplementary valuation of the land under section 13DF(2).
- (2A) At the conclusion of every general valuation for the purpose of any rate a report of the valuation in the prescribed form shall be submitted to the valuer-general by the valuer within two months of the date on which the valuation was returned to the rating authority which caused it to be made.
- (2B) Where, after considering the report by the valuer, the valuer-general is satisfied that any part or parts of the general valuation is or are not generally true and correct and that it would be practicable for an amending valuation to be made in respect of such part or parts to render the general valuation generally true and correct, he may so inform the valuer who may return such amending valuation as he considers proper in the circumstances.

- (2C) The general valuation as varied by such amending valuation shall be deemed to be the general valuation for the purposes of this Act, and the provisions of section 13DF(5) shall extend and apply to such amending valuation in the same manner as to a supplementary valuation made in the circumstances referred to in paragraph (o) of sub-section (2) of that section.
- S. 7(2C) inserted by No. 7333 s. 4(a), amended by Nos 8649 s. 5(b)(i)(ii), 55/1989 s. 11(3)(b)(c).
- (2D) A valuer must comply, as soon as is reasonably possible, with any request for information that the valuer-general makes for the purpose of enabling the valuer-general to fulfil his or her duties under this section.

S. 7(2D) inserted by No. 91/1994 s. 6.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

(3) Where, after such steps pursuant to sub-sections (2B) and (2C) as are appropriate in the circumstances have been taken, the valuer-general is satisfied that any general valuation made for a municipality is not generally true and correct as to any one or more of the bases of value assessed he shall report his opinion to the Minister, and on the recommendation of the Minister the Governor in Council may by Order published in the Government Gazette—

S. 7(3) substituted by No. 7235 s. 4(b), amended by No. 7333 s. 4(b).

(a) require the council to cause a new valuation to be made forthwith on the appropriate basis or bases of value of all rateable land in the municipal district or in any subdivision thereof; or S. 7(3)(a) amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(2)(d).

(b) limit the use of the valuation by the council and any other rating authority as to any one or more of the bases of value assessed to such period as is specified in the Order.

S. 7(4) substituted by No. 7235 s. 4(b), amended by Nos 7333 s. 4(b), 55/1989 s. 11(3)(d).

- S. 7(5) substituted by No. 7235 s. 4(b).
- S. 7(6) substituted by No. 7235 s. 4(b), amended by No. 7333 s. 4(c).

S. 7(7) inserted by No. 7235 s. 4(b), substituted by No. 7762 s. 5(b), amended by No. 8649 s. 5(c).

- (4) Where, after such steps pursuant to sub-sections (2B) and (2C) as are appropriate in the circumstances have been taken, the valuer-general is satisfied that any general valuation made for a municipality is generally true and correct as to any one or more of the bases of value assessed he shall so certify to the Minister who may by writing under his hand declare that the valuation on any basis so certified is suitable to be adopted and used for the purposes of any rating authority for the full period allowed by Division 3A of Part II or such other Act as applies to any particular rating authority using the valuation.
- (5) Any report or declaration made pursuant to subsections (3) or (4) of this section may apply to the whole or any part or parts of the valuation and may deal in different ways with the different parts of the valuation.
- (6) Where any valuation made for a council is declared by the Minister to be suitable to be adopted and used for the purposes of every rating authority or where the Governor in Council has permitted a valuation to be used for a limited period any other rating authority shall be entitled to use the valuation in accordance with such declaration or order, but nothing in this section shall prevent the use by any council or rating authority of any valuation before any amending valuation declaration or order is made.
- (7) Where another rating authority wishes to use the whole or part of a valuation made by or for a council it shall so inform the council and the council shall within two months of the return of the valuation or of receiving such request (whichever is the later) supply to the said rating authority a copy certified as a true copy of as much of the valuation as has been requested, and

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such valuation shall be deemed to be the valuation made for the purposes of that rating authority.

7A. Restriction on payment of valuers for general valuations

- S. 7A inserted by No. 91/1994
- (1) A council must not pay any valuer who is not a full-time member of the council's staff for any work in respect of a general valuation unless the valuer-general has issued a certificate of satisfactory valuation or valuation progress in respect of the valuation.
- (2) Despite sub-section (1), a council may make such a payment if—
 - (a) it notifies the Valuer-general in writing that it intends to do so; and
 - (b) the Valuer-general fails to give it, within 30 days after the notification, either—
 - (i) a certificate of satisfactory valuation or valuation progress; or
 - (ii) a written notice setting out the matters that need to be rectified before he or she will issue such a certificate.

8. Rating authority may use valuation of another rating authority

(1) If the valuer-general is satisfied after due enquiry that any general valuation made by any rating authority (other than a council) is satisfactory for the purposes of another rating authority which desires to adopt and use the valuation he may approve of the adoption and use of the valuation by such other authority and thereupon the first mentioned authority shall supply the other authority with a copy of the valuation certified as a true copy of the valuation and such valuation shall have the same force and effect as if it were

S. 8(1) amended by Nos 8649 s. 6, 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

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made by a valuer duly appointed or employed by the adopting authority.

S. 8(2) amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(2)(e)(i).

(2) If any such valuation does not provide a valuation of all of the rateable land in the area of the rating authority which has adopted it the adopting authority may cause a valuation to be made only of the rateable land which is not included in the valuation and such valuation shall be added to and form part of the valuation already made.

S. 8(3) amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(2)(e)(ii). (3) If any such valuation extends to rateable land which does not form part of the area of the adopting rating authority only such portion of the valuation as relates to land in such area shall be deemed to have been adopted.

S. 8(4) repealed by No. 7762 s. 10(2).

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S. 8AA inserted by No. 8649 s. 7.

8AA. Fees for copy of valuation

S. 8AA(1) amended by No. 55/1989 s. 11(3)(e).

- (1) A rating authority which has received a certified copy of the whole or part of the valuation from a council pursuant to sub-section (7) of section 7 or from a rating authority (other than a council) pursuant to sub-section (1) of section 8 shall pay to the council or to the rating authority (as the case requires)—
 - (a) upon receipt of the valuation, fees for the use of the valuation as returned; and
 - (b) thereafter, fees in respect of the servicing of the valuation.

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- (2) Fees referred to in sub-section (1)—
 - (a) shall be as agreed upon by the parties or in default of agreement as determined by the valuer-general; and
 - (b) shall be payable notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act.

S. 8A inserted by No. 6825 s. 6, amended by Nos 7235 s. 5(a)(b), 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 items 125.4-125.18), 55/1989 s. 11(2)(f) (3)(f)-(h),repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 38(e). S. 8B inserted by No. 7019 s. 2, repealed by No. 7762 s. 6.

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Pt 2 (Heading) substituted by No. 8405 s. 2.	PART II—REGISTRATION OF VALUERS ¹							
Pt 2 Divs 1–3 (Headings and ss 9–13D) repealed. ²		*	*	*	*	*		
Pt 2 Div. 3A (Heading and ss 13DA– 13DJ) inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.	Division 3A—Valuations for Local Government Act 1989							
S. 13DA inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.	13DA. Council valuations							
S. 13DA(1) substituted by No. 91/1994 s. 3(2).	(1) A Council may appoint one or more people to make valuations under this Act for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1989 ³ .							
S. 13DA(1A) inserted by No. 91/1994 s. 3(2).	(1A)	 The Council may only appoint a person who holds the qualifications or experience specified from time to time by the Minister by notice published in the Government Gazette⁴. If a valuer so qualified and acceptable to the Council is not reasonably available, the valuer-general or a valuer nominated by the valuer-general may make any or all of those valuations. 						
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S. 13DB inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8, repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 8(1).		*	*	*	*	*		

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13DC. Valuations generally

(1) In every valuation for the purposes of the **Local Government Act 1989**, each separate occupancy on rateable land must be computed at its net annual value, its capital improved value and, if required by a rating authority, its site value.

S. 13DC inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8 (as amended by No. 78/1991 s. 16(a)–(f)).

- (2) A council may use in respect of rateable land within its municipal district valuations in force in respect of that land immediately before the constitution of the council for such period as the latest of the valuations might have been used by the council for which it was made.
- (3) A council must cause a valuation of rateable land within its municipal district to be made and to be returned after 1 January 2000 and before 30 June 2000.

S. 13DC(3) substituted by No. 17/1998 s. 3(1).

- (4) Subject to sub-section (5), every council may from time to time cause a valuation of all rateable land within its municipal district to be made and returned.
- (5) A council which has caused a valuation of rateable land within its municipal district to be made and returned must cause another such valuation to be made and to be returned after 1 January and before 30 June in the second year immediately following the last such valuation.

S. 13DC(5) substituted by No. 17/1998 s. 3(2).

- (6) If several parcels of land in the same municipal district are occupied by the same person and separated from each other only by a road or railway or other similar area across or around which movement is reasonably possible, the parcels must be regarded as together forming rateable land and valued accordingly.
- (7) If any person is liable to be rated in respect of 2 or more unoccupied parcels of land in the same

S. 13DC(7) amended by No. 91/1994 s. 9. municipal district and the parcels form one continuous area, the parcels must be regarded as together forming rateable land and valued accordingly.

- (7A) If a portion of a parcel of land on which a building is erected is occupied separately, or is obviously adapted to being occupied separately, from other land in the parcel, that portion must be regarded as forming a separate rateable property and must be valued accordingly.
 - (8) If any portion of a parcel or parcels of land forming rateable land for the purposes of a municipal rate or of a rate to be levied by any other rating authority using the valuation is subject—
 - (a) to a rate levied in respect of that portion only; or
 - (b) to a differential rate which differs from the rate levied in respect of the remainder of that parcel or those parcels—

the value of the land must be apportioned so as to show separately the value of the portion.

(9) If land comprising one undertaking extends continuously beyond the boundaries of any municipal district the value, for the purposes of any rate, of so much of the land as is within any one municipal district, must be assessed as part of the value of the whole of the land

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13DD. Extension by special order of period for making valuations

S. 13DD inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8 (as amended by No. 78/1991 s. 17(1)(a)– (d)).

(1) If a council is of the opinion that no general appreciable change has taken place in the value of rateable land within the municipal district or, having first consulted the Minister, that special circumstances make compliance with section 13DC(2) to (9) unnecessary or impracticable, the council may by resolution (before the end of the second year of the use of the valuation) extend the period of use of the existing valuation for such period not exceeding 2 years as the council thinks fit.

S. 13DD(1) amended by No. 17/1998 s. 4(1)(a)(b).

(2) If the period is extended by less than 2 years, the council may by resolution (at least three months before the expiration of any period of extension) from time to time further extend the period but so that the total of the periods of the extension and the further extension or extensions do not exceed 2 years.

S. 13DD(2) amended by No. 17/1998 s. 4(1)(b).

- (3) The owner or occupier of any rateable land within the municipal district may make a submission under section 223 of the **Local Government Act** 1989 in respect of any resolution made under subsection (1) or (2).
- (4) A resolution does not have any force or effect unless it (whether with or without variation with respect to the length of the period of extension) is approved by the Governor in Council, who may approve it with a variation providing that the extension is to be for a period other than that set

S. 13DD(5) re-numbered as s. 13DD(4) by No. 105/1995 s. 5(a), amended by No. 17/1998 s. 4(1)(c)(i)(ii). s. 13DE

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out in the resolution, in which case the resolution as varied has full force and effect.

S. 13DE inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8 (as amended by No. 78/1991 s. 17(2)).

13DE. Extension by Governor in Council of period for making valuations

S. 13DE(1) amended by No. 17/1998 s. 4(2)(a). (1) If on the application of a council the Minister is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for the council to extend by a resolution under section 13DD the period of use of the last valuation, the Minister may recommend to the Governor in Council that the period be extended for such period as the Minister thinks fit not exceeding 2 years from the date of the expiration of the last valuation or any extension.

S. 13DE(2) amended by No. 17/1998 s. 4(2)(b).

(2) The Governor in Council may approve the extension but so that the total of the periods of extension and further extension does not exceed 2 years.

S. 13DF inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.

13DF. Supplementary valuation

- (1) Despite anything in this or any other Act, a person referred to in section 13DA may carry out a supplementary valuation for the purposes of the **Local Government Act 1989**.
- (2) A supplementary valuation may be made in any of the following circumstances—
 - (a) if any land which should be included in the valuation then in force is not included;
 - (b) if the value of the land is materially altered by the approval of a planning scheme under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** or an amendment to a planning scheme under that Act, or by the granting, refusal or

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- cancellation of a permit under such a scheme;
- (c) if by reason of the sale of lots, any land in respect of which two or more persons are liable to be rated has been valued together as rateable land;
- (d) if by reason of the purchase of land or any other cause, any land in respect of which only one person is liable to be rated has been valued as if more than one person was liable to be rated;
- (e) if any land has become rateable since the return of the existing valuation;

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S. 13DF(2)(f) repealed by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.2(a)).

- (g) if by reason of—
 - (i) any building on the land being included in the Heritage Register established under that Act; or
 - (ii) any building ceasing to be included in the Heritage Register established under that Act; or
 - (iii) the issue of a permit under the Heritage Act 1995 to remove, demolish or alter a building included in the Heritage Register established under that Act or to subdivide or develop any land—

13DF(2)(g)(i) substituted by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.2(b) (i)). 13DF(2)(g)(ii) amended by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.2(b) (ii)). 13DF(2)(g)(iii) amended by No. 93/1995 s. 218(1)(Sch. 2 item 8.2(b) (iii)(iv)).

- the capital improved value, net annual value or site value of that land has been materially decreased or materially increased;
- (h) if by reason of the destruction or removal of buildings or other improvements on land or by reason of any physical changes of a permanent nature to land or improvements or by the making of roads or any other work of man or by adverse natural causes, the capital improved value, net annual value or site value of that land has been materially decreased;
- (i) if any land or part of any land is burdened by a covenant under section 3A(1) of the **Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972** or, if upon variation or release of such a covenant, the capital improved value, net annual value or site value of that land has been materially decreased or materially increased;
- (j) if by reason of the erection or construction of buildings or other improvements on land or by reason of any physical changes of a permanent nature to land or improvements or by the making of roads or any other work of man or by favourable natural causes, the capital improved value, net annual value or site value of that land has been materially increased;
- (k) if there has been a change in occupancy which affects the net annual value of the land;
- (l) if the net annual value of the land has been affected by the coming into operation of section 11 of the Local Government Act 1972;

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- (m) if by reason of the sale, transfer or conveyance of any land or the transfer, surrender or expiration of a lease of any land there are on the land any of the improvements described in paragraph (b) of the definition of "improvements" in section 2(1) which were not made by the person who is the owner or occupier of the land;
- (n) if for any reason other than a reason referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (m), the capital improved value, net annual value or site value—
 - (i) of any land specified by Order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette; or
 - (ii) of the land in any area specified by Order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette—

is or is likely to have been materially altered as a consequence of any Act, proclamation, Order in Council, regulation, by-law or local law;

- (o) if any arithmetical error has been made in calculating any valuation upon which any rate is payable or if by reason of any error in describing the land or any matter relating to the land or any improvements to it, an incorrect valuation has resulted.
- (3) Any supplementary valuation when returned must be treated as a part of the valuation in force and has the effect of cancelling anything contained in the existing valuation which is not consistent with the supplementary valuation.
- (4) If a supplementary valuation has been made in any of the circumstances referred to in sub-section

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- (2) other than paragraph (o), the amount of any rate payable in relation to that land must be calculated—
 - (a) for any period until the day of that return by reference to the existing valuation; and
 - (b) from the day after that return for the remainder of the period—upon the supplementary valuation.
- (5) If a supplementary valuation has been made in any of the circumstances referred to in sub-section (2)(o), the council may adjust the rate payable retrospectively for any period it considers just.
- (6) The valuer in making a supplementary valuation must—
 - (a) have regard to the general levels of value upon which the valuation in force within the municipal district or ward was based; and
 - (b) assess the value that the land to which the supplementary valuation applies would have had if at the time at which the last valuation of the municipal district or ward was made it had been in the condition in which it is at the time of the making of the supplementary valuation, having regard to every circumstance which affects the value of the land at the time of the making of the supplementary valuation, if it is a circumstance requiring the making of a supplementary valuation of the land under sub-section (2).
- (7) A person who is qualified or authorised to make a supplementary valuation, or, if that person is not available, the Chief Executive Officer of the council, may delete from a valuation return any

S. 13DF(7) amended by No. 105/1995 s. 5(b).

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- entry for rateable land if the whole of the land has become non-rateable.
- (8) The valuer must make entries on the return showing every alteration made on supplementary valuations or on an adjustment or determination of a court or board under Part III for as long as the valuation remains in force.

13DG. Valuation on union of or annexation by council

S. 13DG inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.

- (1) If a council is one formed by union, the last valuations in force for the united councils are to be treated as one valuation made by the council formed by the union.
- (2) If a council has had annexed to its municipal district part of a former municipal district, the last valuation in force for that part is to be treated as part of the valuation for the council, but this does not affect the time within which the council must make the next valuation of all rateable land in its municipal district.
- (3) If a council has had annexed to its municipal district any area which is not part of a former municipal district—
 - (a) the council must, immediately after the annexation, make a valuation of all rateable land in that area (either separately or together with a valuation for the rateable land in the rest of the council's municipal district); and
 - (b) the valuation for that annexed area, if made separately, is to be treated together with any valuation for the rest of the council's municipal district, as the valuation for the council; and
 - (c) paragraphs (a) and (b) do not affect the time within which the council must make the next

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valuation of all rateable land in its municipal district.

S. 13DH inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.

13DH. Valuer's powers and duties

- (1) A valuer must return valuations in the prescribed form.
- (2) Before any valuation and return is made the person appointed to make it must make a statutory declaration that the valuation and return will be impartial and true to the best of that person's judgment and will be made by that person or under that person's immediate personal supervision.
- (3) An entry must be made in the minutes of the meetings of the council of the making of the declaration and of its date.

S. 13DI inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.

13DI. Return of Chief Executive Officer

S. 13DI(1) amended by No. 91/1994 s. 38(f).

- (1) If the valuer appointed to make valuations of rateable land has made and recorded the valuations of all or any of the land, but has not included all the valuations in any return to the council, the Chief Executive Officer of the council may, with the written approval of the valuer-general, prepare and certify a return with respect to those valuations not so included in the form prescribed.
- (2) Any valuations when certified and returned to the council are as valid as if included in a return certified by the valuer, but in the case of a general valuation must not be used by the council before the valuations of all the land in respect of which

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the valuer had been appointed have been returned to the council.

13DJ. Person may apply for valuation

S. 13DJ inserted by No. 55/1989 s. 8.

(1) On written application by a person, the Chief Executive Officer of a council must provide the person with a copy of the most recent valuation of any rateable land in the Council's municipal district.

S. 13DJ(1) amended by No. 91/1994 s. 38(g)(i)(ii).

- (2) The copy must specify the date at which the value of the land was assessed under section 7(2).
- (3) Each application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee for each area of land for which a valuation is required.

Pt 2 Div. 4 (Heading and ss 13E-13G) amended by Nos 7315 s. 5(1), 8405 s. 2. 8817 s. 3. 55/1989 s. 11(2)(g), repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(b).

Pt 2 Div. 5 (Heading and s. 13H) inserted by No. 8405 s. 2, repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(b).

PART III—OBJECTIONS, REVIEWS AND APPEALS

Pt 3 (Heading and ss 14-51A) amended by Nos 7276, s. 2(b), 7315 s. 5(1), 7333 ss 5-6, 7762 ss 7-17, 7876 s. 2(3), 8432 s. 3, 8649 ss 9-23, 9225 ss 4–8, 9506 s. 2, 9427 s, 3(Sch. 2 item 15), 9576 s. 11(1), 9831 s. 12, 9921 s. 255, 9427 s. 3(Sch. 2 item 15), 110/1986 s. 140(2), 121/1986 s. 112, 50/1988 s. 93(2)(Sch. 2 item 63), 19/1989 s. 16, 55/1989 ss 9, 10, 11(2)(h)-(j), 57/1989 s. 3(Sch. item 208.2), 78/1991 s. 28(3)(c), 91/1994 ss 14-19, 38(h)(i), 105/1995 s. 5(c), 40/1997 s. 138(Sch. 2 item 16.2), substituted as Pt3 (Headings and ss 14-30) by No.

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Division 1—Introductory

Pt 3 Div. 1 (Heading) substituted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

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14. Definitions

In this Part—

"Commissioner" means Commissioner of State Revenue under the Taxation Administration Act 1997;

"Court" means the Supreme Court;

"land" includes any estate or interest in land;

"Tribunal" means Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal established by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998.

Division 2—Notice of valuations

New Pt 3 Div. 2 (Heading) inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

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15. Rating authority must give notice of valuation

- (1) A rating authority that makes a valuation or causes a valuation to be made must, in respect of each rate it makes or intends to make, give to the person liable for the payment of that rate—
 - (a) a notice of valuation that—
 - (i) identifies the land in respect of which the rate is or will be payable; and
 - (ii) shows the several bases of value assessed in respect of the land; and
 - (iii) states the date as at which the value of the land was assessed; and

- (b) a notice that some other authority may use one of the bases of value shown for the purposes of a rate or tax levied by that authority.
- (2) The notice referred to in sub-section (1)(b) must be given before or at the same time as the notice referred to in sub-section (1)(a).
- (3) If the person liable for payment of the rate is not the occupier of the land, the rating authority must also give the notices referred to in sub-section (1) to the occupier.

Division 3—Objections

New Pt 3 Div. 3 (Heading) inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309

New s. 16 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

16. Who may object?

- (1) A person aggrieved by an assessment of the value of any land made by or for a rating authority may lodge a written objection with the rating authority on any one or more of the grounds set out in section 17.
- (2) An objection must—
 - (a) be in the prescribed form; and
 - (b) give particulars of the bases of valuation to which objection is made; and
 - (c) state the grounds on which the objection is based.
- (3) However, a rating authority cannot disallow an objection only because of a failure to comply with sub-section (2).
- (4) The occupier of land valued by or for a rating authority is deemed to be a person aggrieved by an assessment of the value of the land whether or

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not the occupier is liable to be rated by the rating authority.

- (5) A person is deemed to be a person aggrieved by an assessment of the value of land if—
 - (a) the person is liable for or required to pay any rate or tax in respect of land; and
 - (b) notice of a valuation of the land has not been given to that person by the rating authority which made it or which caused it to be made.
- (6) A person referred to in sub-section (5) must give written notice of an objection to the person or body that issued the assessment of the rate or tax and to the rating authority that made the valuation or caused it to be made.

17. Grounds for objection

The grounds for an objection are—

- (a) that the value assigned is too high or too low;
- (b) that the interests held by various persons in the land have not been correctly apportioned;
- (c) that the apportionment of the valuation is not correct;
- (d) that lands that should have been included in one valuation have been valued separately;
- (e) that lands that should have been valued separately have been included in one valuation;
- (f) that the person named in the notice of valuation, assessment notice or other document is not liable to be so named;

New s. 17 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309. (g) that the area, dimensions or description of the land are not correctly stated in the notice of valuation, assessment notice or other document.

New s. 18 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

18. Time for lodging objection

- (1) An objection to a valuation made by the Commissioner or for the Commissioner by a person or authority other than a municipal council must be lodged within 2 months after the notice of assessment based on that valuation has been given under the **Land Tax Act 1958**.
- (2) In any other case, an objection must be lodged—
 - (a) if any of the valuations in the notice given by the rating authority under section 15(1)(a) appear for the first time—within 2 months after the notice is given; or
 - (b) if a valuation that has appeared in a notice given by the rating authority appears in a subsequent notice given by that authority—
 - (i) if the subsequent notice is given on or after 1 February but before 1 October in any year—within 2 months after the subsequent notice is given; or
 - (ii) in any other case—during February or March next after the subsequent notice is given; or
 - (c) in the case of a person referred to in section 16(5)—within 2 months after receiving the notice of assessment of the rate or tax.

New s. 19 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

19. Further limitation on lodging of objections if previous objection lodged

(1) If an objection to the valuation of any rateable land is lodged with a rating authority and considered by the valuer of that authority under

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- section 21, a further objection to that valuation cannot be made within 12 months after the lodgement of that objection.
- (2) Sub-section (1) applies whether the valuation is used by the rating authority to whom the objection was made or another rating authority.

20. Determination of objection by Commissioner

An objection to a valuation made by the Commissioner or for the Commissioner by a person or authority other than a municipal council must be considered and determined by the Commissioner in accordance with section 24A of the Land Tax Act 1958.

New s. 20 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

21. Determination of objection in any other case

New s. 21 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

- (1) Except in the case of an objection referred to in section 20, the rating authority must cause an objection lodged with it to be considered and determined in accordance with this section.
- (2) The rating authority must refer an objection to the valuer for that authority, who must provide a reasonable opportunity for the objector to discuss the matter with him or her.
- (3) Within 2 months after receiving an objection, the valuer must—
 - (a) if he or she considers that no adjustment in the valuation is justified—give the objector written notice of that decision; or
 - (b) if he or she considers that an adjustment in the valuation is justified—
 - (i) recommend accordingly to the valuergeneral; and
 - (ii) give the objector and the rating authority a copy of the recommendation.

- (4) The valuer-general, after consultation if practical with the valuer, must determine the objection as follows—
 - (a) the valuer-general may disallow the recommended adjustment in whole or part if in his or her opinion the general uniformity of the valuation or the general trueness and correctness of the valuation will be substantially affected by the adjustment; or
 - (b) in any other case, the valuer-general must confirm the recommended adjustment.
- (5) The valuer-general must give written notice of his or her decision, within 2 months after receiving the recommendation, to the objector, the valuer and the rating authority.
- (6) Subject to any appeal or review under Division 3, the decision of the valuer-general must be given effect to by the rating authority and every other rating authority using that valuation.

Division 4—Reviews and appeals

Pt 3 Div. 4 (Heading) substituted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

S. 22 substituted by No. 52/1998

22. Right of review or appeal

- (1) Subject to section 23, if—
 - (a) an objector is dissatisfied with the determination of the Commissioner, a valuer or the valuer-general on the objection; or
 - (b) 2 months have passed since an objection has been lodged with the rating authority and the valuer for the rating authority has not determined the objection or the valuer has not given notice to the objector under section 21(3)(b)(ii); or

(c) 2 months have passed since a valuer has given notice to an objector under section 21(3)(b)(ii) and the valuer-general has not determined the objection—

the objector may lodge with the rating authority a written notice requiring the rating authority to refer the matter to the Tribunal or to treat the objection as an appeal and cause it to be set down for hearing at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

- (2) A notice under sub-section (1)—
 - (a) in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1)(a)—must be lodged within 30 days after the date that notice of the determination is given to the objector; or
 - (b) in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1)(b) or (c)—may be made at any time after the relevant 2 month period.
- (3) At the time of lodging a notice under sub-section (1), an objector must send a copy of the notice to the Tribunal or the Supreme Court (as the case requires).

23. Jurisdiction of Tribunal and Court

- New s. 23 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.
- (1) Subject to sub-section (3), a matter is to be referred to the Tribunal under this Division if it relates to a valuation of an amount being—
 - (a) a capital improved value less than \$250 000;
 - (b) a site value less than \$100 000; or
 - (c) a net annual value less than \$12 500.
- (2) If a matter relates to a valuation of an amount equal to or more than an amount referred to in sub-section (1), the matter may be referred to the Tribunal or treated as an appeal to the Court—

- (a) at the option of the objector; or
- (b) at the option of the rating authority if the objector does not exercise the objector's option within 1 month after being requested to do so by the rating authority.
- (3) A matter may be treated as an appeal to the Court irrespective of the amount of the valuation if the Court is satisfied on the application of any party that the appeal raises questions of unusual difficulty or of general importance.

S. 24 substituted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

24. Grounds of review or appeal

On a review or appeal the objector's case is limited to—

- (a) the grounds of the objection; and
- (b) any other grounds set out in the notice to the rating authority under section 22(1)—

unless the Tribunal or Court otherwise orders.

New s. 25 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

25. Referral to Tribunal

- (1) The Tribunal must review a matter referred to it and may, by order, confirm, increase or reduce or otherwise amend any valuation.
- (2) The Tribunal may in its discretion award the costs of any proceedings under this Division—
 - (a) to the party in whose favour the proceedings are determined; or
 - (b) if a matter was referred to the Tribunal under this Division, but was not proceeded with by the objector, to the rating authority.

New s. 26 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309

26. Supreme Court appeals

(1) On the hearing of an appeal under this Division, the Court may make any order it thinks fit and may, by order—

- (a) confirm, increase or reduce any valuation; and
- (b) make any other amendment to a valuation or assessment notice it thinks fit.
- (2) The Court may in its discretion by order award the costs of an appeal under this Division—
 - (a) to the party in whose favour the appeal is determined; or
 - (b) if the appeal was lodged in respect of the matter under section 22(1), but was not proceeded with by the objector, to the rating authority.
- (3) An appeal to the Court of Appeal from an order made by the Court under this section lies only on a question of law.

27. Costs if owner and occupier appeal separately

- New s. 27 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.
- (1) This section applies if the owner and the occupier of land separately apply to the Tribunal or appeal to the Court in respect of the same assessment of value.
- (2) If this section applies, the Court or Tribunal must not award the owner or occupier any costs in respect of the proceedings unless the Court or Tribunal is satisfied—
 - (a) if the applicant or appellant is the owner, that—
 - (i) the owner, before giving notice under section 22(1), requested the occupier to join in the proceedings; and
 - (ii) the occupier refused or failed to do so; or

- (b) if the applicant or appellant is the occupier, that—
 - (i) the occupier, before giving notice under section 22(1), requested the owner to join in the proceedings; and
 - (ii) the owner refused or failed to do so.
- (3) If the party bringing the proceedings satisfies the Court or Tribunal as set out in sub-section (2), the owner or occupier refusing or failing to join the proceedings must pay the costs of that person's own application or appeal.
- (4) This section does not apply if the owner or occupier lodged a written objection pursuant to section 16(6).

Division 5—General

Pt 3 Div. 5 (Heading) substituted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

New s. 28 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

28. Procedure if land is in more than one area

- (1) Despite anything to the contrary in any Act, if any rateable land of a person comprising one undertaking extends continuously beyond the boundaries of any rating authority so that the undertaking is subject to more than one separate valuation for the purpose of rating, although there is no actual separation of the different parts of the land rated, the person may object to the valuations in accordance with this section.
- (2) The person objecting to the valuations may lodge with one of the rating authorities a written notice requiring the rating authority to refer the matter to the Tribunal or to treat the objection as an appeal and cause it to be set down for hearing at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

- (3) The notice must be lodged within the time permitted under this Part for an objection against the valuation by the rating authority of the rateable land.
- (4) On the same day as the notice is lodged under sub-section (2), the person objecting to the valuation may lodge with each of the other rating authorities which made a valuation a written notice requiring the rating authority to refer the matter to the Tribunal or to treat the objection as an appeal and cause it to be set down for hearing at the next sitting of the Supreme Court so that the valuation of different parts of the same land may be made the subject of one proceeding.
- (5) A notice may be lodged under sub-section (4) even if the time permitted under this Part for objections has expired.
- (6) This Part applies to an appeal to the Supreme Court or a referral to the Tribunal as if it were an appeal or referral under Division 4.
- (7) If there is more than one appeal or referral under this section, the Supreme Court or the Tribunal (as the case requires) may at the hearing direct the consolidation of the matters for the purpose of assessing the value of the land as a whole and for apportioning that value between the different rating authorities whose valuations were the subject of the referral or appeal.

29. Recovery of rate or tax pending objection, review or appeal

New s. 29 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

An objection, review or appeal under this Part to the assessment of the value of any land does not prevent the recovery of any rate or tax based on that valuation pending the determination of the objection, review or appeal.

New s. 30 inserted by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

30. Tribunal members not disqualified as witnesses

A member of the Tribunal is not disqualified from appearing as a witness in any hearing under this Part where he or she is not sitting as a member of the Tribunal.

Ss 31–51A repealed by No. 52/1998 s. 309.

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PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Pt 4 (Heading) inserted by No. 8405 s. 3.

52. Regulations

S. 52 inserted by No. 7276 s. 2(b), amended by No. 8405 s. 4(a)(b).

The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to any matter or thing authorized or required to be prescribed by this Act or necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying this Act into effect.

Notes

NOTES

1. General Information

The **Valuation of Land Act 1960** was assented to on 15 June 1960 and came into operation as follows:

Sections 2–5, Part 2 on 14 December 1960: Government Gazette 14 December 1960 page 3918; sections 6–8, 8A, 14 on 18 January 1962: Government Gazette 17 January 1962 page 88; section 16 on 26 September 1962: Government Gazette 26 September 1962 page 3351.

Notes

2. Table of Amendments

This Version incorporates amendments made to the Valuation of Land Act 1960 by Acts and subordinate instruments.

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1961, No. 6825/1961

Assent Date: 12.12.61

Commencement Date: Ss 1–9 on 17.1.62: Government Gazette 17.1.62

p. 88; ss 10-12 on 26.9.62: Government Gazette

26.9.62 p. 3352

Current State: All of Act in operation

Subordinate Legislation Act 1962, No. 6886/1962

Assent Date: 8.5.62

Commencement Date: 1.8.62: Government Gazette 4.7.62 p. 2314

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Rates) Act 1963, No. 7019/1963

Assent Date: 28.5.63 Commencement Date: 28.5.63

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Valuations) Act 1964, No. 7235/1964

Assent Date: 22.12.64 Commencement Date: 22.12.64

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Appeals) Act 1965, No. 7276/1965

Assent Date: 1.6.65

Commencement Date: 1.12.65: Government Gazette 6.10.65 p. 3103

Current State: All of Act in operation

Decimal Currency Act 1965, No. 7315/1965

Assent Date: 30.11.65 Commencement Date: 30.11.65

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (General Amendment) Act 1965, No. 7333/1965

Assent Date: 14.12.65 Commencement Date: 14.12.65

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1968, No. 7762/1968

Assent Date: 18.12.68

Commencement Date: 3.2.69 (except ss 2, 3): Government Gazette

30.1.69 p. 236; ss 2, 3 on 1.7.69: Government

Gazette 27.6.69 p. 1919

Current State: All of Act in operation

Justices (Amendment) Act 1969, No. 7876/1969

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Assent Date: 25.11.69

Commencement Date: All of Act (except ss 3, 5, 6, 7(k)(m)(o)) on 1.4.70:

ss 3, 5, 6, 7(k)(m)(o) on 1.7.70: Government

Gazette 25.2.70 p. 463

Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s

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Statute Law Revision Act 1971, No. 8181/1971

Assent Date: 23.11.71

Commencement Date: 23.11.71: subject to s. 2(2)
Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Valuers) Act 1973, No. 8405/1973

Assent Date: 17.4.73

Commencement Date: 1.7.73: Government Gazette 13.6.73 p. 1966

Current State: All of Act in operation

Lands Compensation Act 1973, No. 8432/1973

Assent Date: 17.4.73

Commencement Date: 1.6.73: Government Gazette 30.5.73 p. 1211

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1974, No. 8649/1974

Assent Date: 17.12.74 Commencement Date: 17.12.74

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1975, No. 8817/1975

Assent Date: 9.12.75

Commencement Date: 15.1.76: Government Gazette 7.1.76 p. 2

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land Act 1978, No. 9225/1978

Assent Date: 19.12.78

Commencement Date: 1.2.79: Government Gazette 17.1.79 p. 144

Current State: All of Act in operation

Statute Law Revision Act 1980, No. 9427/1980

Assent Date: 27.5.80

Commencement Date: 27.5.80: s. 1(2)

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Interest Rate) Act 1980, No. 9506/1980

Assent Date: 23.12.80 Commencement Date: 23.12.80

Current State: All of Act in operation

Crimes (Classification of Offences) Act 1981, No. 9576/1981

Assent Date: 26.5.81

Commencement Date: 1.9.81: Government Gazette 26.8.81 p. 2799

Current State: All of Act in operation

Local Government Acts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982, No. 9831/1982

Assent Date: 21.12.82

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Commencement Date: All of Act (except s. 3(1)(e)) on 21.12.82: s. 1(2); s.

3(1)(e) on 17.7.68: s. 3(2)

Current State: All of Act in operation

Transport Act 1983, No. 9921/1983

Assent Date: 23.6.83

Commencement Date: Sch. 12 on 1.7.83: s. 1(2)(c)

Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s

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Valuation of Land (Valuations) Act 1984, No. 10107/1984

Assent Date: 25.9.84 Commencement Date: 1.10.84: s. 2

Current State: All of Act in operation

Supreme Court Act 1986, No. 110/1986

Assent Date: 16.12.86 Commencement Date: 1.1.87: s. 2

Current State: All of Act in operation

Land Acquisition Compensation Act 1986, No. 121/1986

Assent Date: 23.12.86

Commencement Date: 29.11.87: Government Gazette 25.11.87 p. 3224

Current State: All of Act in operation

Planning and Environment Act 1987, No. 45/1987

Assent Date: 27.5.87

Commencement Date: Pt 1, s. 204 on 27.5.87: s. 2(1); rest of Act (except

Sch. items 118, 119) on 16.2.88: Government Gazette 10.2.88 p. 218; Sch. items 118, 119 were never proclaimed, repealed by No. 86/1989

Current State: All of Act in operation

Land (Transaction Information) Act 1988, No. 8/1988

Assent Date: 27.4.88

Commencement Date: Ss 5(2), 6(2), 7(2), 8(2), 9(2), 10(2) on 1.2.92:

Government Gazette 29.1.92 p. 178; rest of Act on

4.3.92: Government Gazette 4.3.92 p. 519

Current State: All of Act in operation

State Superannuation Act 1988, No. 50/1988

Assent Date: 24.5.88

Commencement Date: S. 93(3) on 1.7.87: s. 2(1); s. 93(4) on 27.11.87:

s. 2(2); Pt 1, Pt 6 Div. 2, s. 91 on 1.1.88: s. 2(3); rest of Act on 1.7.88: Government Gazette 1.6.88

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Current State: All of Act in operation

Local Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1989, No. 12/1989

Assent Date: 9.5.89

Commencement Date: S. 4(1)(Sch. 2 items 125.1–125.4, 125.8–125.18) on

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Valuation of Land Act 1960 Act No. 6653/1960

1.11.89: Government Gazette 1.11.89 p. 2798

Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s

amending the Valuation of Land Act 1960

County Court (Amendment) Act 1989, No. 19/1989

Assent Date: 16.5.89

Commencement Date: 1.8.89: Government Gazette 26.7.89 p. 1858

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1989, No. 55/1989 (as amended by

Nos 81/1989, 86/1989 (as amended by No. 48/1991), 78/1991)

Assent Date: 14.6.89 Commencement Date: 1.10.92: s. 2

Current State: All of Act in operation

Magistrates' Court (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 57/1989

Assent Date: 14.6.89

Commencement Date: S. 4(1)(a)–(e)(2) on 1.9.89: Government Gazette

30.8.89 p. 2210; rest of Act on 1.9.90: Government

Gazette 25.7.90 p. 2217

Current State: All of Act in operation

Water (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 81/1989

Assent Date: 5.12.89

Commencement Date: 1.11.90: Government Gazette 15.8.90 p. 2473

Current State: All of Act in operation

Local Government (Rating) Act 1991, No. 78/1991 (as amended by No. 22/1992)

Assent Date: 3.12.91

Commencement Date: Ss 19, 26 on 1.11.89: s. 2(1); s. 25 on 1.10.92:

s. 2(2); s. 28(1) on 9.5.89: s. 2(3); s. 28(2) on 8.5.90: s. 2(4); rest of Act on 3.12.91: s. 2(5)

Current State: All of Act in operation

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 91/1994

Assent Date: 6.12.94

Commencement Date: Pt 1 (ss 1, 2), ss 5–9, 38, 39 on 6.12.94: s. 2(1);

ss 3, 36, 37 on 1.1.95: s. 2(2); ss 4, 35 on 1.10.94: s. 2(3); Pt 3 (ss 10–34) on 23.1.95: Government

Gazette 19.1.95 p. 121

Current State: All of Act in operation

Crown Lands Acts (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 96/1994

Assent Date: 13.12.94

Commencement Date: Pt 1 (ss 1, 2) on 13.12.94: s. 2(1); rest of Act (ss 3–

59) on 26.1.95: Government Gazette 26.1.95 p. 163

Current State: All of Act in operation

Heritage Act 1995, No. 93/1995

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Assent Date: 5.12.95

S. 218(1) (Sch. 2 item 8) on 23.5.96: Government Commencement Date:

Gazette 23.5.96 p. 1248

Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s

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Valuation of Land (Further Amendment) Act 1995, No. 105/1995

Assent Date: 5.12.95 Commencement Date: 5.12.95: s. 2

Current State: All of Act in operation

State Taxation (Omnibus Amendment) Act 1996, No. 10/1996

25.6.96

Commencement Date: S. 27 on 25.6.96: s. 2(1)

Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s

amending the Valuation of Land Act 1960

Taxation Administration Act 1997, No. 40/1997

3.6.97 Assent Date:

Assent Date:

Commencement Date: S. 138(Sch. 2 items 16.1, 16.2) on 1.7.97:

Government Gazette 12.6.97 p. 1330

This information relates only to the provision/s Current State:

amending the Valuation of Land Act 1960

Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1998, No. 17/1998

Assent Date: 28.4.98

Commencement Date: 28.4.98

Current State: All of Act in operation

Public Sector Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 46/1998

26.5.98 Assent Date:

Commencement Date: S. 7(Sch. 1) on 1.7.98: s. 2(2)

Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s

amending the Valuation of Land Act 1960

Tribunals and Licensing Authorities (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 52/1998

Assent Date: 2.6.98

Commencement Date: Ss 308, 309 on 1.7.98: Government Gazette 18.6.98

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This information relates only to the provision/s Current State:

amending the Valuation of Land Act 1960

3. Explanatory Details

¹ Pt 2: Section 37 of the **Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1994**, No. 91/1994 reads as follows:

37. Transitional provision concerning references to registered valuers in contracts etc.

- (1) This section applies to any contract, deed or other document that is in force on 1 January 1995 and that contains a reference to a registered valuer.
- (2) Unless the parties to the contract, deed or other document otherwise agree, a reference to a registered valuer in the contract, deed or document is to be read as a reference to a person who holds the qualifications or experience specified under section 13DA(1A) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960.

Pt 2 Div. 1 (Heading and s. 9) amended by Nos 6825 s. 7, 8405 s. 2, 8649 s. 8, repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(b).

Pt 2 Div. 2 (Heading and ss 10, 11) amended by Nos 6825 s. 8(a)(b), 6886 s. 3, 8405 s. 2, 9225 s. 3(b), 9427 s. 3(Sch. 2 item 15), 55/1989 s. 7(a)(i)–(iii)(b)–(d), repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(b).

Pt 2 Div. 3 (Heading and ss 12–13D) amended by Nos 6886 s. 3, 8405 s. 2, 8817 s. 2, 9225 s. 3(c)–(e), 110/1986 s. 140(2), 55/1989 s. 7(e)(f)(i)(ii), 78/1991 s. 28(3)(b), repealed by No. 91/1994 s. 3(1)(b).

3. Abolition of system of registering valuers

(3) The members of the Valuers' Qualification Board cease to hold office.

² Pt 2 Divs 1–3:

³ S. 13DA(1): Section 3(3) of the **Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act 1994**, No. 91/1994 reads as follows:

⁴ S. 13DA(1A): See note 3.