



Speech by

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Hon. T. M. MACKENROTH (Chatsworth— ALP) (Minister for Communication and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities) (2.40 p.m.), in reply: I thank the Opposition for its support for the legislation. One thing I should correct in relation to the former PEDAs Bill is that it was not started until November 1993, so it does not represent a six-year time frame. I released a discussion paper in November 1993. Right throughout 1994 I went to and addressed a number of workshops throughout the State. The proposed legislation was worked through with all interest groups. That resulted in a draft Bill being released in May 1995, which became the basis for the IPA.

The timetable for further amendments is one I intend to stick to. In fact, it is the timetable set down by the former Government, in agreement with former Minister McCauley. Had I been the Minister and had PEDAs had come in, people would have seen a lot of those amendments. I think it is very important that this happen. I think the departments were allowed to slip back a bit into the position whereby they do not want to be a part of it. As members of Parliament, we have to make them be a part of it if we want to make the system work. That timetable is very firm and we intend to ensure that we adhere to it.

I thank the Opposition for its support. As the Opposition spokesman is aware, these are mainly machinery amendments to enable the more efficient operation of the Act. More substantive amendments will come before this Parliament later this year.
