

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

**APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 115B(2) IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED NEW CROSSING OF THE
MURRAY RIVER BETWEEN COROWA (NSW) AND WAHGUNYAH (VICTORIA)**

I, the Minister for Planning after:

1. examining and considering various matters including the:
 - i. the proposal contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Planning Scheme Amendment "New Crossing of the Murray River" prepared for the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) and Vic Roads by PPK, August 2000, and the Representations Report "New Crossing of the Murray River – Between Corowa and Wahgunyah" prepared by RTA Environmental Technology for the RTA and dated March 2001; and
 - ii. all identified procedures, safeguards and mitigation measures identified in the EIS and Representations Report;
2. after consulting and considering the matters raised by the Minister for Roads, Minister for Transport, and pursuant to Section 115B(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, give approval for the Roads and Traffic Authority to carry out the proposal subject to the conditions stated in Schedule 1 to this approval. The reasons for the imposition of these conditions are set out in a report entitled *Roads and Traffic Authority – Proposed New Crossing Between Corowa (NSW) and Wahgunyah (Victoria)*.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2002

Andrew Refshauge MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Planning
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Minister for Housing