

**18B. Powers of the Authority**

- (1) The Authority may do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions under this Part.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), for the purpose of performing its functions under this Part the Authority may —
  - (a) provide equipment and training to SES Units; and
  - (b) carry out the functions of an SES Unit.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (1), for the purpose of —
  - (a) protecting and saving life and property endangered by a natural disaster;
  - (b) rendering safe the site of a natural disaster;
  - (c) carrying out a search and rescue operation; or
  - (d) carrying out an assistance operation,the Authority may —
  - (e) enter any land, building, area of water or other place;
  - (f) take control of or make use of any land, building, vehicle, vessel or other thing;
  - (g) damage or destroy any building, vehicle, vessel or other thing;
  - (h) move any vehicle, vessel or other movable thing;
  - (i) subject to the regulations, disconnect or shut off any electricity, gas, water or fuel supply, or any drainage facility, or any other service; and
  - (j) restrict or prohibit the movement of persons and vehicles including, if necessary, by the closure of roads or any area of water.
- (4) In exercising a power under subsection (3) the Authority may use such force as is reasonably necessary.

*[Section 18B inserted by No. 38 of 2002 s. 11; amended by No. 42 of 2002 s. 8.]*