This amendment will add section 78K to the list of orders to which the proposed section 102A will apply. Section 78K provides that:

> *The court may order a person found guilty of a domestic violence offence to participate in a perpetrators program on terms and conditions specified in the order.*

Section 78K will be included for the sake of consistency with the other provisions dealing with the making of conditional orders.

Amendment agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill reported; report adopted.

Dr TOYNE (Justice and Attorney-General): Madam Acting Deputy Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to; bill read a third time.

TRANS-TERRITORY PIPELINE AND BLACKTIP GAS PROJECTS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL (Serial 285)

Continued from 23 March 2005.

Mr BURKE (Opposition Leader): Madam Speaker, the opposition supports this legislation. I thank the Chief Minister for providing explanatory notes and Woodside for the briefing.

The trans-Territory pipeline, TTP, is a proposed 940 km underground pipeline development designed to transport natural gas from the Blacktip gas field in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf 250 km south of Darwin to the Gove Peninsula in north-east Arnhem Land.

TTP has the potential to provide economic and social advantage to the Northern Territory and will also provide environmental improvements as a result of the transfer from fuel oil to natural gas at the Alcan Gove alumina refinery.

TTP provides the vital gas transportation link between the Blacktip gas facility and the Alcan Gove refinery. The gas will be sourced from the Blacktip gas field and will be treated onshore at a proposed gas plant near Wadeye as part of the Blacktip project. The TTP will commence at the eastern boundary of the proposed Blacktip gas plant and will terminate north of the Alcan Gove refinery on the Gove Peninsula. Alcan is currently expanding the Gove alumina refinery and is seeking to convert the plant's primary fuel source and operations from fuel oil to natural gas.

A conditional sales agreement was signed on 5 November 2004 with the Blacktip project for the supply of natural gas to Alcan's Gove alumina refinery, for the supply of 800 petajoules of natural gas from the Blacktip gas field over a 20-year period starting in 2007. The GSA is conditional upon a number of milestones, all of which are expected to be reached by the end of May 2005.

In March 2004, the Commonwealth government granted major project facilitation status to the TTP project and the Blacktip project. In regards to that, the purpose of this legislation is to make special provision in connection with the trans-Territory pipeline and Blacktip projects. The legislation creates new statutory rights to cross roads and waterways with ministerial approval; provides a mechanism to enable future persons responsible for construction and operation of the facilities comprising the projects to rely on the authority certificates issued in connection with the projects under the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act;* and the regulation of the Blacktip onshore gas plant by the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act.*

It is necessary legislation and builds on the legislation that was put in place to facilitate the AustralAsia Railway project. The opposition supports the legislation.

Ms MARTIN (Chief Minister): Madam Speaker, I was not expecting any controversy over this legislation and am pleased that the opposition is supporting it. This kind of legislation for a major project such as the trans-Territory pipeline, the details of which were so well outlined by the Leader of the Opposition, mirrors legislation for other major projects. I suppose the last legislation of its kind was for the AustralAsia Railway, the same statutory rights were part of that legislation, and the Merlin diamond and Granites gold mines. All those major projects have had special legislation to facilitate them.

The important thing to remember is that while this legislation will give the trans-Territory pipeline operators rights to cross roads and waterways, they are subject to Territory legislation and to ministerial approval. There are two items of critical legislation here: the *Control of Roads Act* and the *Water Act.* They will remain in place. There were some issues raised about them, but they will be in place and, importantly, environmental controls and ministerial consent will be required.