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WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY AMENDMENT (CONTAINER DEPOSIT) BILL (NO. 2) 2018

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Stephen Dawson (Minister for Environment)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON STEPHEN DAWSON (Mining and Pastoral — Minister for Environment) [5.44 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit) Bill (No. 2) 2018 is a technical bill that complements the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit) Bill 2018 and supports the introduction of a container deposit scheme. Under section 46(7) of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899, bills imposing taxation shall deal only with the imposition of taxation. The state's position is that payments to be made under the container deposit scheme are not taxes. However, this bill ensures that if a court reaches a different view on this question, there will be no breach of section 46(7).

Pursuant to standing order 126(1), I advise that this bill is not a uniform legislation bill. It does not ratify or give effect to an intergovernmental or multilateral agreement to which the government of the state is a party; nor does this bill, by reason of its subject matter, introduce a uniform scheme or uniform laws throughout the commonwealth.

I commend the bill to the house and I table the explanatory memorandum.

[See paper 2435.]

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.

House adjourned at 5.44 pm