

**AQUATIC RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Dr K.D. Hames (Minister for Health)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

*Second Reading*

**DR K.D. HAMES (Dawesville — Minister for Health)** [4.12 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill complements the Aquatic Resources Management Bill 2015. The purpose of this bill is twofold. Firstly, it will amend the Aquatic Resources Management Act 2015 to provide that to the extent that a fee prescribed in the regulations under that act will include an amount that is a tax, the regulations may impose the tax. This is similar in effect to section 258(3) of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994. Secondly, it will amend the Fishing Industry Promotion Training and Management Levy Act 1994 to authorise the imposition of a levy for the purpose of that act. The amendment will have the effect of extending the capacity to impose a levy for fishing industry promotion, training and management purposes to a person who holds a resource share allocated under the Aquatic Resources Management Act 2015.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr D.A. Templeman**.