

SAFETY LEVIES AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Sue Ellery (Leader of the House)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.16 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Safety Levies Amendment Bill 2019 is intended to be debated cognately with the Work Health and Safety Bill 2019. The government's commitment to bringing work health and safety matters under a single act requires amendments to be made to a range of existing legislation and include amendments to the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and petroleum legislation such as the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967. It is the intention of the government that none of the amendments will in any way alter the liability of parties to the existing safety levies in the mining and petroleum and geothermal industries. The Work Health and Safety Bill 2019 makes provision for a smooth transition of the administration of these levies. Under the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899, bills imposing taxation must deal only with the imposition of the tax. As the safety levies are in the nature of a tax, it is necessary to have a bill to continue the authority to impose the safety levies and that is what the Safety Levies Amendment Bill 2019 seeks to achieve.

Pursuant to standing order 126(1), I advise that this bill is a uniform legislation bill. It is a bill that, by reason of its subject matter, is part of a uniform scheme or uniform laws throughout the commonwealth.

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

[See paper [3631](#).]

Debate adjourned and bill referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review, pursuant to standing orders.