

AQUATIC RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Michael Mischin (Attorney General)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Attorney General) [2.47 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 includes 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 purposes 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.

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 table an explanatory memorandum.

[See paper 4290.]

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.