

**ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Dr A.D. Buti (Minister for Finance)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

*Second Reading*

**DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale — Minister for Finance)** [12.51 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Amendment Bill 2021 is a technical bill that complements the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2021. It will amend the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act to support cost-recovery arrangements. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2021 will allow a fee or charge to be imposed for services provided under the bill and for the recovery of costs and expenses incurred in the administration of it. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Amendment Bill 2021 will support this new head power by inserting section 292(6) to clarify that a prescribed fee or charge imposed by regulations under section 292 can include an amount that is a tax. These amendments are in accordance with state government policy for cost recovery and the need to reflect a fair and reasonable true cost of services.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr P.J. Rundle**.

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