

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Receipt and First Reading

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

Second Reading

HON STEPHEN DAWSON (Mining and Pastoral — Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) [7.23 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.

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 [942](#).]

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.