

**MINING REHABILITATION FUND AMENDMENT BILL 2012**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr C.J. Barnett (Premier)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Premier.

*Second Reading*

**MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier)** [12.27 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill is associated with the Mining Rehabilitation Fund Bill 2012—the MRF bill—which is also being considered in this house. The MRF bill deals with a levy to be imposed on holders of mining authorisations. The levy will be paid into a new Mining Rehabilitation Fund, which will be available for rehabilitating land affected by mining operations on abandoned mines.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the MRF bill, when it is enacted, to impose the mining rehabilitation levy. The provision imposing the levy is required to be contained in a separate stand-alone bill because of the operation of section 46(7) of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899. That subsection requires bills imposing taxation to deal only with the imposition of taxation. Once the amendment contained in this bill takes effect, this bill will have no further operation.

I commend the bill to the house.

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