

**SAFETY LEVIES AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr W.J. Johnston (Minister for Industrial Relations)**, and read a first time.  
Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

*Second Reading*

**MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington — Minister for Industrial Relations)** [12.35 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 includes 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. This bill makes provision for a smooth transition of the administration of these levies. Under the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899, bills imposing taxation must deal with only 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 seeks to achieve. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mrs A.K. Hayden**.