

AQUATIC RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

Consideration in Detail

Clauses 1 to 5 put and passed.

Clause 6: Section 5 replaced —

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: The clause relates to the imposition of a levy that goes to the Fishing Industry Promotion Training and Management Levy Act 1994. I am just curious to know why it is a bit equivocal. The bill states that if an amount by way of levy is prescribed, it will relate to resource share. Why is there any doubt about it? Is there not a need to have this levy and to have money go into this account? How will it be determined when the levy is waged and when it will not be? I just do not understand why it is not a bit more clear-cut. Could the minister please explain?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I am advised there is a fairly simple explanation. The levy is not prescribed automatically; it has to be prescribed by the minister. If it is prescribed, the minister does so in respect, obviously, of a licence or resource share that would share that levy. I am advised this also allows us to levy a resource share, which is a new provision under this legislation.

Clause put and passed.

Title put and passed.