**Legislative Council**

**WATER AND CATCHMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

(Amendments and New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr DAVIS)

1. Clause 5, page 8, after line 24 insert—

'(11) In section 3(1) of the Principal Act **insert** the following definition—

"***Commonwealth environmental water holdings*** has the same meaning as in the Water Act 2007 of the Commonwealth.".'.

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 14—

'14A Contents of a long-term water resources assessment

For section 22L(a) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(a) there has been any decline in the long-term availability of surface water or groundwater and whether the decline has fallen disproportionately on—

(i) the environmental water reserve and any Commonwealth environmental water holdings in relation to Victoria; or

(ii) the allocation of water for consumptive purposes;".'.

3. Clause 17, after line 3 insert—

'(aa) for paragraph (a) **substitute**—

"(a) a decline in the long-term availability of surface water or groundwater which has a disproportionate effect on—

(i) the environmental water reserve and any Commonwealth environmental water holdings in relation to Victoria; or

(ii) the allocation of water for consumptive purposes; or";'.

4. Clause 17, after line 5 insert—

'(ab) for paragraph (c) **substitute**—

"(c) to restore the balance between—

(i) the environmental water reserve and any Commonwealth water holdings in relation to Victoria; and

(ii) the allocation of water for consumptive purposes; or";'.