

## SECOND READING SPEECH

### **CROWN LANDS (SHACK SITES) AMENDMENT BILL 2010.**

Mr Speaker, I move that the Bill be now read a second time.

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Crown Land Shack Sites Act 1997* to delete section 17, which sets shack rentals at 6% of land value and to substitute a provision to enable rentals to be set by Regulation.

Following completion of the assessment of shacks across the state under the *Crown Lands (Shack Sites ) Act 1997*, ninety-three (93) shacks were determined as unsuitable for sale but suitable for leasehold for up to 30 years.

The Act sets the rental at 6% of land value determined for the purposes of municipal ratings, as adjusted annually, by the Valuer-General.

Increased land values, in particular affecting the West Coast, resulted in large increases in rents for a number of shack lease holders. The Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development inquiring into the Shack Site Project, recommended in their Interim Report of July 2009 that:

*“The annual lease fees for shack sites on Crown land as per section 17 of the Crown Lands (Shack Sites) Act 1997 should be set at the lesser of \$1500 or 2% of the land valuation as at 2007, and thereafter adjusted in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index. “*

In response to the Parliamentary Committee and to shack lessee concerns, I table this Bill to amend the *Crown Lands (Shack Sites) Act 1997*, to delete section 17 which sets rentals at 6% of land value and to substitute a provision to enable rentals to be set by Regulation.

It is my intention to then make a regulation to set rentals in accordance with the Parliamentary Committee's recommendation, that is, at 2% of land value at 2007 or \$1500, whichever is the lesser and thereafter adjusted in line with the Consumer Price Index.

It is my intention that rentals for the year commencing 1 September 2010 should be at this new rate.

I commend this Bill to the House.