

SECOND READING SPEECH

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PROTECTION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2013

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

This Bill relates to the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill 2013*.

The purpose of this legislation is to make amendments to other Tasmanian legislation as a consequence of the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill 2013*.

This Bill amends section 23 of the *Coroners Act 1995*. It introduces a requirement for the coroner, upon receipt of a report from the Aboriginal organisation approved under that Act confirming that the remains are Aboriginal remains, to provide a copy of that report to the Secretary of the responsible Department in relation to the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act 2013*. Both the jurisdiction of the coroner under this Act and this Act itself cease to apply to the remains upon receipt by the coroner of that report.

The Bill amends section 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA) to refer to the *Aboriginal Heritage*

Protection Act 2013 and to link the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act* to the timeframes for decisions relating to discretionary permit applications set to apply to historic cultural heritage, pursuant to the *Historic Cultural Heritage Amendment Bill 2012* and its associated LUPAA Amendment Bill.

Section 59 of the *Land Use Planning and Approval Act* is amended to require notifications to the Aboriginal Heritage Minister by the planning authority or Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal in specified circumstances.

Legislation that currently refers to Aboriginal relics will refer to Aboriginal heritage. Legislation that currently refers to the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* will refer to the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act 2013*.

The remaining amendments are of a house-keeping nature to reflect the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill 2013*.

I commend this Bill to the House.