

CLAUSE NOTES

ENERGY CO-ORDINATION AND PLANNING AMENDMENT (TASMANIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET) BILL 2020

- Cause 1** **Short title**
- Provides the short title for the Act as the *Energy Co-ordination and Planning Amendment Act 2020*.
- Clause 2** **Commencement**
- Provides that the Act commences on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
- Clause 3** **Principal Act**
- Provides that the Act being amended (the Principal Act) is the Energy Co-ordination and Planning Act 1995.
- Clause 4** **Section 3 amended (Interpretation)**
- Provides for the amendment of Section 3 of the Principal Act to include the meaning of a new term introduced in the Act, as drafted in subclause (b).
- The term renewable energy source means solar, wind, water energy sources and any energy source declared by the Minister—see clause 5.
- Clause 5** **Part 1A inserted**
- This clause provides for the amendment of the Principal Act by the insertion of an amending Part 1A – Renewable Energy after Section 3A of the Principal Act.
- Section 3B provides for the Minister for Energy to declare, by order, renewable energy sources in addition to solar, wind and water.
- Section 3C(1) provides for amendment of the Principal Act by the insertion of new terms introduced in the Act for the purposes of this Section. The terms provide clarity as to the electricity generation equipment which will contribute to the renewable energy targets – see section 3C (2).
- Section 3C(2) sets the renewable energy targets in subsections (a) and (b), namely that:
- by 31 December 2030, 15,750 GWh of electricity generated by equipment connected to the National Electricity Market in Tasmania,

in at least one calendar year, is to be generated by utilising renewable energy sources;

- by 31 December 2040, 21,000 GWh of electricity generated by equipment connected to the National Electricity Market in Tasmania, in at least one calendar year, is to be generated by utilising renewable energy sources.

Clause 6 Section 13 amended (Annual report)

Amends Section 13(1) of the Principal Act by omitting and inserting wording in relation to the Director of Energy Planning's Annual Report.

Inserting Section 13 (1)(b) provides for the Director of Energy Planning to report annually on the progress towards meeting the renewable energy targets.

Clause 7 Section 13B inserted (provision of certain information not be regarded as restrictive trade practice)

Provides that the sharing of information, by licensees and prospective licensees, about renewable energy projects and proposed connections to transmission or distribution infrastructure, does not give rise to an inference that there has been a contravention of Part IV of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* of the Commonwealth.

Clause 8 Repeal of Act

Provides for the repeal of the Act three hundred and sixty five days after it commences (from which time its provisions will form part of the Principal Act).