

## FACT SHEET

### *Living Marine Resources Management Amendment (Aquaculture Research) Bill 2021*

The *Living Marine Resources Management Amendment (Aquaculture Research) Bill 2021* amends the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* to enable marine aquaculture research to be subject to an arrangement with the Commonwealth under the Act.

The Bill:

- Ensures that the State may enter into an arrangement with the Commonwealth under the Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth) for the marine farming of fish for research purposes.
- Enables a person to apply for a permit to undertake marine farming of fish for research for the purposes of an arrangement with the Commonwealth.
- Ensures that the provisions of the *Animal Welfare Act 1993* that relate to animal research apply to marine aquaculture research activities.
- Provides that, before issuing a permit for marine aquaculture research activities, the Minister must consult with the Director of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in respect of the permit and if the permit relates to finfish, include as conditions of the permit any conditions that the Director EPA considers necessary.