

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023**

**(Amendment made by the Legislative Council)**

**NEW CLAUSE**

Insert the following New Clause after clause 5—

**'5A New section 7A inserted**

After section 7 of the **Climate Change Act 2017** insert—

**"7A Independent expert advice in relation to determination for net zero greenhouse gas emissions**

- (1) In determining the amount of total greenhouse gas emissions attributable to the State, the Minister must obtain advice from one or more persons who are appropriately qualified, in the Minister's opinion, to act as an independent expert.
- (2) The advice obtained under subsection (1) must include an independent assessment of the amount of total greenhouse gas emissions attributable to the State.
- (3) In forming the advice, an independent expert must consider—
  - (a) the demonstrated effectiveness of any proposed activities for the removal of greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere; and
  - (b) the likely effectiveness of any eligible offsets.
- (4) The Minister must publish any independent expert advice obtained under this section on the Internet site of the Department as soon as practicable after the advice is received by the Minister.".

Certified –

Clerk of the Legislative Council