

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

(Suggested amendments to be proposed in Committee by Ms TRUONG)

1. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly -**

Clause 18, page 396, line 26, omit "451(2)." and insert "451(2); and".

2. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly -**

Clause 18, page 396, after line 26 insert—

"(c) the Premier and the Minister have had regard to any recommendations made by the Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee appointed under section 451A in relation to the use of money paid out of the Sustainability Fund Account."

3. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly -**

Clause 18, page 399, after line 3 insert—

"451A Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee

- (1) The Minister, after consultation with the Premier, may appoint a Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee.
- (2) The Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee consists of up to 8 members appointed by the Minister after consultation with the Premier.
- (3) In appointing members of the Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee, the Minister must ensure that the members collectively have skills, expertise or knowledge in relation to the following—
 - (a) environment protection and conservation;
 - (b) waste management and abatement;
 - (c) climate change;
 - (d) community networks;
 - (e) issues relating to industry;
 - (f) economics and business management;
 - (g) finance or law;
 - (h) local government;
 - (i) rural and regional affairs.
- (4) The Minister may determine the terms of appointment (including any remuneration and allowances) of the members of the Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee.
- (5) The Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee must give the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning a copy of all the

recommendations it makes to the Premier and the Minister and the reasons for the recommendations.

- (6) The annual report of the operations of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning required under Part 7 of the **Financial Management Act 1994** must include a copy of the recommendations and the reasons for the recommendations for the financial year in which the recommendations were made together with a list of how money paid out of the Sustainability Fund Account has been used in that financial year.
- (7) The Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning must cause to be published a copy of the recommendations, the reasons for the recommendations and the list referred to in subsection (6) on the Internet site of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning within 3 days after the annual report is tabled before a House of the Parliament.

451B Functions of Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee

The functions of the Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee include the following—

- (a) to make recommendations to the Premier and the Minister in relation to the use of money paid out of the Sustainability Fund Account, including whether the use of money paid out is in accordance with the purposes referred to in section 449(3);
- (b) to advise the Premier and the Minister on the operation of the Sustainability Fund Account;
- (c) to advise the Premier and the Minister about fostering community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions or the adaptation or adjustment to climate change in Victoria;
- (d) to advise the Premier and the Minister about fostering environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management;
- (e) to advise the Premier and the Minister about any matters related to climate change or fostering environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management that are referred to the Sustainability Fund Account advisory committee by the Premier or the Minister;
- (f) to monitor the progress of projects that have been funded by money paid out of the Sustainability Fund Account.

451C Minister must report on Sustainability Fund Account

- (1) The Minister must, no more than 3 months after the end of a financial year, prepare a report on the activities of the Sustainability Fund Account during that financial year.
- (2) The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the report has been prepared."