**Legislative Council**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY (JOBS AND INVESTMENT) BILL 2017**

(Amendments and New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Ms DUNN)

1. Clause 3, after line 8 insert—

"***biomass*** means organic matter other than fossilised biomass;

**Note**

Fossilised biomass includes coal and lignite.".

1. Clause 3, after line 11 insert—

"***native forest*** means a local indigenous plant community—

(a) the dominant species of which are trees; and

(b) containing throughout its growth the complement of native species and habitats normally associated with that forest type or having the potential to develop those characteristics; and

(c) including a forest with those characteristics that has been regenerated with human assistance following disturbance; and

(d) excluding a plantation of native species or previously logged native forest that has been regenerated with non-endemic native species;".

1. Clause 3, lines 12 to 17, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"***renewable energy source*** has the meaning given by section 4;".

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 3—

"A What is a *renewable energy source*?

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a ***renewable energy source*** is any of the following energy sources—

(a) hydro;

(b) wave;

(c) tide;

(d) ocean;

(e) wind;

(f) solar;

(g) geothermal aquifer;

(h) hot dry rock;

(i) energy crops;

(j) agricultural waste;

(k) waste from processing of agricultural products;

(l) food waste;

(m) food processing waste;

(n) bagasse;

(o) black liquor;

(p) biomass based components of municipal solid waste;

(q) landfill gas;

(r) sewage gas and biomass based components of sewage;

(s) an energy source declared by the Minister under subsection (3).

(2) None of the following energy sources is a ***renewable energy source***—

(a) native forest biomass;

(b) fossil fuels;

(c) materials or waste products derived from fossil fuels;

(d) a prescribed energy source.

(3) The Minister, by notice published in the Government Gazette, may declare an energy source to be a renewable energy source for the purposes of this Act.".

1. Clause 4, omit this clause.