**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.