**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**WATER AND CATCHMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

<u>(Amendments and New Clause to be moved by Ms Ryan)</u>

1.  Clause 5, page 8, after line 24 insert—

    '(11)  In section 3(1) of the Principal Act **insert** the following definition—

    "*Commonwealth environmental water holdings* has the same meaning as in the Water Act 2007 of the Commonwealth.".'.

2.  Clause 14, line 6, before "The" insert "(1)".

3.  Clause 14, line 9, omit "by the end of 31 January 2025" and insert " on the commencement day".

4.  Clause 14, line 14, omit "1 February 2025" and insert "the day after the commencement day".

5.  Clause 14, after line 23 insert—

    "(2)  In this section—

    *commencement day* means the day on which section 14 of the **Water and Catchment Legislation Amendment Act 2019** comes into operation.".

6.  Clause 17, after line 3 insert—

    '(aa)  for paragraph (a) **substitute**—

    "(a)  a decline in the long-term availability of surface water or groundwater which has a disproportionate effect on—

    (i)  the environmental water reserve and any Commonwealth environmental water holdings in relation to Victoria; or

    (ii)  the allocation of water for consumptive purposes; or";'.

7.  Clause 17, after line 5 insert—

    '(ab)  for paragraph (c) **substitute**—

    "(c)  to restore the balance between—

    (i)  the environmental water reserve and any Commonwealth water holdings in relation to Victoria; and

    (ii)  the allocation of water for consumptive purposes; or";'.

    NEW CLAUSE

8.  Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 14—

    '**14A  Contents of a long-term water resources assessment**

    For section 22L(a) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(a)  there has been any decline in the long-term availability of surface water or groundwater and whether the decline has fallen disproportionately on—

   (i)  the environmental water reserve and any Commonwealth environmental water holdings in relation to Victoria; or

  (ii)  the allocation of water for consumptive purposes;".'.