

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 22 November 2022

## Water Services Entities Bill

### *Proposed amendment*

Simon Court, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

#### *Clause 4*

Delete *clause 4(4)* (page 13, line 19 to 21) and the cross-heading above *clause 4(4)* (page 13, line 18).

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Water Services Entities Bill to remove *clause 4(4)*.

*Clause 4(4)*, added to the Bill by the Labour and Green members of the select committee and without advice on its practical application, results in a considerable extension of the purpose of the Bill, which is intended to deal with water services entities that control freshwater, stormwater and wastewater. The clause creates considerable uncertainty, as it effectively means that the water services entities' role goes beyond what was intended to include management of coastal areas and geothermal resources. If the clause does not intend to extend the role of water services entities to coastal areas and geothermal resources, then the clause should be removed.