Date Introduced: 23 April 1980
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. D.S. Thomson, M.C., Minister for Science and the Environment

**Short Digest of Bill**

**Purpose**

To amend the Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Amendment Act 1968 so as to give protection to whales.

**Background**

This Bill is associated with the Fisheries Amendment Bill 1980 in support of the Whale Protection Bill 1980. See the background to the Whale Protection Bill 1980.

**Main Provisions**

The provisions inserted are similar to those in the Fisheries Amendment Bill 1980.

Clause 3 inserts a new s.6 into the Act which provides that, in the administration of the Act, the Minister shall ensure that measures taken are not inconsistent with the preservation, conservation and protection of whales and other cetacea.

Clause 4 amends s.12 to provide for the establishment of whale sanctuaries and it will be an offence to navigate a licensed ship either at all time or during a specified period in such area. Clause 5 amends s.16 to enable a person to contravene the prohibition in order to secure the safety of boat or human life.