THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (DECLARED FISHING ACTIVITIES) BILL 2012

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM BW261

Amendment to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Honourable Tony Burke, MP)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Fishing Activities) Bill 2012

OUTLINE
The purpose of the government amendment to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Fishing Activities) Bill 2012 Act 1999 (Cth) is to:

• remove references to ‘social’ and ‘economic’ impacts;

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

No financial impact.
NOTES ON AMENDED CLAUSES

Amendment 1 and 2 - Schedule 1, item 1, page 5 (lines 1 and 2) and Schedule 1, item 1, page 7 (line 2), omit “social or economic”

1. These amendments clarify that the Environment Minister can only make an interim or final declaration in respect of commercial fishing activity if the particular activity has uncertain environmental impacts.

2. ‘Social’ and ‘economic’ considerations have been removed from the Bill to provide greater certainty as to what circumstances the Environment Minister and the Fisheries Minister can take into account in determining when an interim and final declaration should be made.