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South Australia

**Parliamentary Committees (Natural Disasters
Committee) Amendment Bill 2013**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Parliamentary Committees (Natural Disasters Committee) Amendment Act 2013*.

5 2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*

3—Insertion of Part 5E

- 10 After Part 5D insert:

Part 5E—Natural Disasters Committee

Division 1—Establishment and membership of Committee

15M—Establishment of Committee

- 15 The *Natural Disasters Committee* is established as a committee of the Parliament.

15N—Membership of Committee

- (1) The Committee is to consist of 6 members.

(2) 3 members of the Committee must be members of the House of Assembly appointed by the House of Assembly and 3 must be members of the Legislative Council appointed by the Legislative Council.

5 (3) A Minister of the Crown is not eligible for appointment to the Committee.

10 (4) The Committee must from time to time appoint 1 of its House of Assembly members to be the Presiding Member of the Committee but if the members are at any time unable to come to a decision on who is to be the Presiding Member, or on who is to preside at a meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Presiding Member, the matter is referred by force of this subsection to the House of Assembly and that House will determine the matter.

Division 2—Functions of Committee

150—Functions of Committee

The functions of the Committee are—

(a) to take an interest in and keep under review—

20 (i) measures that have been taken, or could be taken, to protect life and property from the effects of natural disasters; and

(ii) measures that have been taken, or could be taken, to reduce the incidence of natural disasters; and

(iii) the operation of any Act that relates to natural disasters; and

25 (b) to inquire into, consider and report on such matters concerned with natural disasters as are referred to it under this Act; and

30 (c) to perform such other functions as are imposed on the Committee under this or any other Act or by resolution of both Houses.