

NOONGAR (KOORAH, NIT JA, BOORDAHWAN)
(PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE) RECOGNITION BILL 2015

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by Mr C.J. Barnett (Premier), and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Premier.

Second Reading

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe—Premier) [12.14 pm]: I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

Before I commence, I acknowledge the Noongar elders and traditional owners in the gallery and I congratulate them on their bravery and determination over six years to reach this stage.

[Applause.]

Mr C.J. BARNETT: It is with great pride that I bring the Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Bill 2015 to this Parliament. The bill is the first piece of legislation in the

Many camped and maintained traditional practices while clearing country for farming and becoming valued employees due to their bush skills and knowledge of country. European encroachment expanded throughout the rest of the nineteenth century, which continued to affect Noongar culture and social organisation.