

Alice Springs and introduce legislation that will provide for a flagship agency to lead Desert Knowledge initiatives for Australia for a long time to come. It will be truly national and not parochial in its vision. I find it particularly rewarding that such an innovative and watershed initiative has arisen from a spirit of cooperation among the communities of the Northern Territory. It will bring growth and employment and other significant benefits for the people of inland Australia, with obvious direct benefits to those of Central Australia.

Madam Speaker, I commend the bill to the Assembly.

Debate adjourned.

ENERGY PIPELINES AMENDMENT BILL (Serial 143)

Bill presented and read a first time.

Mr HENDERSON (Business, Industry and Resource Development): Madam Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a second time.

The main purpose of this bill is to mirror the provisions of the corresponding Northern Territory *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* in relation to the term of the pipeline licence. It is proposed to amend the term of an onshore pipeline licence issued under the *Energy Pipelines Act* so that, in the future, a licence will be granted for an indefinite term.

This change will achieve consistency between the *Energy Pipelines Act*, Northern Territory *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act* and the Commonwealth *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* so that a common indefinite term of the licence will apply to all onshore and offshore licences. The immediate effect of the change will be that a common term of licence will apply to the full length of the proposed Bayu-Undan to Darwin pipeline. The amendments will provide a more efficient licence administration.

As a consequence of this amendment that will provide an indefinite term of an onshore pipeline licence, it is necessary to repeal the present renewal provisions relating to onshore pipeline licences. Existing onshore pipeline licences will be unaffected by the change, as there are other granted pipeline licences under the *Energy Pipelines Act*. A corresponding savings clause for existing pipeline licences has been included so that the renewal of these licences is not affected by the amended act.

Madam Speaker, I commend the bill to honourable members.

Debate adjourned.

MAJOR CRICKET EVENTS BILL (Serial 144)

Bill presented and read a first time.

Mr AH KIT (Sport and Recreation): Madam Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a second time.

I take this opportunity to introduce the Major Crickets Events Bill to the House. An agreement has been entered into between the Northern Territory government and the Australian Cricket Board to host international cricket matches in Darwin in July and August 2003. It is exciting that the Territory has the opportunity to host such prestigious international events, and a key issue will be the safety of players and officials whilst matches are organised and/or are in progress. It is a requirement of the Australian Cricket Board that the security of players and officials is addressed by prohibiting public access to the playing area, or any other area of the venue where the person is unauthorised to be present at any time during the conduct of the match.

In international cricket matches, pitch invasion is considered a serious breach of security, as in the past it has resulted in player injury. Some major sporting events have been disrupted for economic reasons, an example being a recent incident during a rugby match in Sydney in which a person painted with the Vodafone logo streaked across the field.

This legislation will allow a particular major cricket match to be declared by the minister by notice in the *Gazette*, and will provide for specific offences that apply at venues so declared. The offences are aimed at preventing entering the playing field of the venue or any other area where the person is not authorised to be present; throwing or projecting objects onto the playing field during the conduct of the match; or conduct that interferes with or endangers a player or official engaged in a major cricket match; or behaviour that disrupts the conduct of the match.

Under this legislation, the maximum penalty is 45 penalty units, which is \$4950 for a natural person, and 450 penalty units, which is \$49 500 for a corporation. The Major Crickets Events Bill aims to ensure that disruptive behaviour at international cricket matches does not occur.

The commencement of regular international cricket matches presents a milestone for the Northern Territory. Regular international cricket will provide a great boost for our tourism and retail sectors, and it will be a great addition to our Territory lifestyle. In addition, the Territory will benefit from enhanced exposure through national and international media.