

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears —

“**coastal waters**” means, in relation to the State, that part of the sea that is included in the coastal waters of the State within the meaning of the *Coastal Waters (State Powers) Act 1980* of the Commonwealth as in force for the time being;

“**Convention**” means the Convention a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 1, as amended by —

- (a) the amendments set out in the Attachment to the Resolution a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 2;
- (b) the amendments set out in the Attachment to the Resolution a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 3; and
- (c) any other amendment to the Convention that is accepted by Australia and a copy of the English text of which is set out in the regulations;

“**holder**”, in relation to a permit, means the person to whom the permit has been granted;

“**inspector**” means —

- (a) a person appointed as an inspector under section 20; or
- (b) a member of the police force, or a person on whom the powers referred to in section 15 of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1948*² are conferred by that section, who is an inspector by force of section 21;

“**owner**”, in relation to a vessel, aircraft or platform, includes —

- (a) every person who is a co-owner of the vessel, aircraft or platform or of any part of, or any share in, the vessel, aircraft or platform; and
- (b) every person who has the use or control (whether alone or jointly with another person or other persons) of the vessel, aircraft or platform;

“**paragraph**” means paragraph of the section or subsection in which the term is used;

“**permit**” means a permit granted under section 14;

“**person in charge**” means —

- (a) in relation to a vessel, the master or other person in charge of the vessel;
- (b) in relation to an aircraft, the person in charge of the aircraft; or
- (c) in relation to a platform, the person in charge of the operations conducted on or from the platform;

“**platform**” includes any man-made structure at sea, whether floating or fixed to the sea-bed, but does not include a vessel;

“**port waters**”, in relation to the State, means that part of the sea that is included within the boundaries of a port —

- (i) as defined by the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967*; or
- (ii) under the control of a port authority constituted or established by an Act;

“Schedule” means Schedule to this Act;

“section” means a section of this Act;

“subsection” means a subsection of the section in which the term is used;

“the police force” means the Police Force of Western Australia;

“Western Australian aircraft” means an aircraft that is owned by the State or an authority of the State;

“Western Australian platform” means a platform that is fixed to the sea-bed beneath coastal waters;

“Western Australian vessel” means a vessel that is owned by the State or an authority of the State.

- (2) Except so far as the contrary intention appears, an expression that is used both in this Act and in the Convention (whether or not a particular meaning is assigned to it by the Convention) has, in this Act, the same meaning as in the Convention.