



New South Wales

Minerals Legislation Amendment (Offshore Drilling and Associated Infrastructure Prohibition) Bill 2023

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are to—

- (a) prohibit the granting of permits and licences for the purposes of undertaking or facilitating seabed petroleum exploration or recovery, and
- (b) prohibit the granting of licences permitting offshore exploration or mining activities, except licences for or in relation to the recovery of sand for the purpose of beach nourishment, and
- (c) prohibit development for the purposes of undertaking or facilitating sea bed petroleum exploration or recovery or seabed mineral exploration or recovery.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 amends the *Petroleum (Offshore) Act 1982* to prohibit the granting of permits and licences for the purposes of undertaking or facilitating sea bed petroleum exploration or recovery.

Schedule 2 amends the *Offshore Minerals Act 1999* to prohibit the granting of licences under that Act, except licences for or in relation to the recovery of sand for the purpose of beach nourishment.

Schedule 3 amends the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to prohibit certain development for the purposes of undertaking or facilitating—

- (a) sea bed petroleum exploration or recovery, or
- (b) sea bed mineral exploration or recovery.