



New South Wales

Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Liverpool Plains 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—

- (a) to amend the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* to prevent the granting of petroleum titles in the Liverpool Plains, Gunnedah, Narrabri and Warrumbungle Shire local government areas (the *Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone*), and
- (b) to amend the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to prohibit development for the purpose of facilitating petroleum extraction in the Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone.

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 on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 No 84

Schedule 1[1] inserts a definition of *Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone*.

Schedule 1[2] amends section 9(1) to provide that a petroleum title must not be granted over land in the Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone.

Schedule 1[3] inserts proposed section 10 to provide—

- (a) for the cancellation of petroleum titles in the Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone that have been granted, but for which no mining operations have begun, and
- (b) for the deemed refusal of the following applications if the application has not been determined on the commencement of the proposed section—
 - (i) an application for a petroleum title over land in the Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone,
 - (ii) an application to renew a petroleum title over land in the Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone, and
- (c) that no compensation is payable because of the operation of the proposed section.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203

Schedule 2 inserts proposed section 10.17 to prohibit the carrying out, in the Liverpool Plains gas exclusion zone, of development for the purpose of facilitating petroleum extraction in the zone.