

#### Explanatory note

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

#### Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to prohibit surface mining of coal in the local government area of Lake Macquarie City.

#### 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.

Clause 3 defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Clause 4 provides that the proposed Act prohibits all surface mining of coal in the local government area of Lake Macquarie City (except for the area of the existing Westside open cut mine) and applies despite any other Act or law (including any environmental planning instrument) to the contrary.