

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Coal Seam Gas Moratorium Bill 2011

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Proposed amendments

- No. 1 Page 2, clause 3 (1), lines 9 and 10. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead:
moratorium period—see section 4.
- No. 2 Page 2, clause 3 (1), definition of *protected area*, lines 26–29. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 3 Pages 2–3, clause 3 (1), definition of *Sydney metropolitan region*, line 30 on page 2 to line 2 on page 3. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 4 Page 3. Insert after line 4:
- 4 Meaning of “moratorium period”**
- (1) In this Act, *moratorium period* for land means the period from the commencement of this Act until the Expert Scientific Committee makes publicly available a water assessment for a region that includes that land, being a water assessment that contains a finding to the effect that the mining of coal seam gas in the region is not likely to have a significant impact on the water resources in the region.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, *the Expert Scientific Committee* means the Interim Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Coal Mining established by the Commonwealth or any permanent committee established by the Commonwealth to replace that Interim Committee.
- No. 5 Page 4, Part 2, lines 1–32. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 6 Page 5, Part 3, heading, line 3. Omit all words on that line.
- No. 7 Page 5, clause 8, heading, line 5. Omit “**outside protected area**”.
- No. 8 Page 5, clause 8 (1), lines 6–8. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead:
- (1) A person must not conduct on any land petroleum prospecting or petroleum mining operations relating to coal seam gas during the moratorium period for the land.
- No. 9 Page 5, clause 9, lines 16–27. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead:

9 Suspension of certain petroleum titles relating to coal seam gas

Any petroleum title (other than a production lease) relating to coal seam gas is suspended until the end of the moratorium period for the land over which the title was granted.

No. 10 Page 5, clause 10, lines 29–33. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead:

The Minister administering the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* must not grant or renew any petroleum title relating to coal seam gas during the moratorium period for the land over which the title or proposed title would be granted or renewed.