



New South Wales

Coal Seam Gas Prohibition (Sydney Water Catchment Special Areas) Bill 2013

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to cancel petroleum titles relating to coal seam gas, and prohibit the grant or renewal of such titles, in relation to the Sydney Catchment Authority's special areas.

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 expressions used in the proposed Act. *Petroleum title relating to coal seam gas* means an exploration licence, assessment lease, production lease or special prospecting authority under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* in relation to coal seam gas and *Sydney water catchment special area* means an area of land declared to be a special area under section 44 of the *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998*.

Clause 4 cancels any petroleum title relating to coal seam gas that authorises activities in any Sydney water catchment special area.

Clause 5 prohibits the granting or renewal of any petroleum title relating to coal seam gas that authorises activities in any Sydney water catchment special area.

Clause 6 provides that the proposed Act operates despite any authorisation or approval under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*.

Clause 7 provides that the State is not liable for any compensation as a result of the proposed Act.