



New South Wales

Wyong Special Area (Protection) Bill 2015

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to protect certain land at Wyong from mining and mining-related activities. This is achieved by prohibiting the granting, renewal or modification of licences, leases, claims and authorities, and the granting of planning approvals, that allow persons to prospect for, and mine, minerals and petroleum on that land. The land concerned is the site of the Wallarah 2 coal mine project.

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 terms used in the proposed Act. *Wyong special area* is defined to mean the land subject to certain exploration licences and an authorisation granted under the *Mining Act 1992* (namely, EL6514, EL4911 and A405).

Clause 4 prohibits the grant or renewal of any mining authorisation in relation to land in the Wyong special area and the making of any changes to the conditions to which such an authorisation is subject.

Clause 5 prohibits the grant or renewal of any petroleum title in relation to land in the Wyong special area and the making of any changes to the conditions to which such a title is subject.

Clause 6 provides that a planning approval is not to be given under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in relation to development for the purposes of prospecting and mining activities on land in the Wyong special area and cancels any such planning approval already given.