



New South Wales

Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences) Bill 2021

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* as follows—

- (a) to provide that an exploration licence expires at the end of its term unless renewed,
- (b) to cancel exploration licences that remain in force because of a pending renewal application.

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 amends the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* as set out in the overview above.



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No. , 2021

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* to provide that certain expired, unused exploration licences that are the subject of renewal applications cease to have effect and may not be renewed; and for related purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences) Act 2021</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6
3 Amendment of Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 No 84	7
(1) Section 20 Continuation of title pending renewal	8
Insert at the end of section 20—	9
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an exploration licence.	10
(3) An exploration licence expires at the end of its term unless it is renewed before the end of its term.	11 12
(2) Section 94B Meaning of “grant anniversary date”	13
Insert “, other than an exploration licence,” after “petroleum title” in the note.	14
(3) Schedule 1 Savings and transitional provisions	15
Insert at the end of the Schedule, with appropriate Part and clause numbering—	16
Part Provisions consequent on enactment of Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences) Act 2021	17 18 19 20
Exploration licences	21
(1) An existing exploration licence in relation to which an application for renewal was pending immediately before the commencement date is taken to expire on the commencement date.	22 23 24
(2) In this clause—	25
<i>commencement date</i> means the date of assent to the <i>Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences) Act 2021</i> .	26 27 28
<i>existing exploration licence</i> means an exploration licence that was in force immediately before the commencement date because of the operation of section 20.	29 30 31