

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mining and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Grant of Coal and Petroleum Prospecting Titles) Bill 2015

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **Process reforms for controlled release prospecting titles**

Page 6, Schedule 1. Insert after line 28:

3 Assessment of environmental and other impacts

Before inviting competitive selection applications in respect of an area, the decision-maker must:

- (a) make an assessment of, and take into account, the environmental, social and economic factors relevant to the area, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) impacts on agricultural productivity,
 - (ii) impacts on existing industries,
 - (iii) impacts on water resources, including groundwater,
 - (iv) impacts on threatened species within the meaning of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*,
 - (v) impacts on human health,
 - (vi) any relevant environmental planning instruments, and
- (b) give notice of the proposed invitation to any Minister responsible for the administration of a controlled release prospecting title and invite that Minister to make written comments on the proposed invitation within 28 days after the date of the notice, and
- (c) publish a notice on the internet containing details of the proposed invitation and inviting any person to make written comments on the proposed invitation within 28 days after the date of the notice, and
- (d) take into account any comments on the proposed invitation provided in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c).

No. 2 **Process reforms for petroleum prospecting titles**

Page 10, Schedule 2. Insert after line 22:

3 Assessment of environmental and other impacts

Before inviting competitive selection applications in respect of an area, the Minister must:

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- (a) make an assessment of, and take into account, the environmental, social and economic factors relevant to the area, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) impacts on agricultural productivity,
 - (ii) impacts on existing industries,
 - (iii) impacts on water resources, including groundwater,
 - (iv) impacts on threatened species within the meaning of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*,
 - (v) impacts on human health,
 - (vi) any relevant environmental planning instruments, and
 - (b) give notice of the proposed invitation to any other Minister responsible for the administration of a petroleum prospecting title and invite that other Minister to make written comments on the proposed invitation within 28 days after the date of the notice, and
 - (c) publish a notice on the internet containing details of the proposed invitation and inviting any person to make written comments on the proposed invitation within 28 days after the date of the notice, and
 - (d) take into account any comments on the proposed invitation provided in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c).
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