

PETROLEUM AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 2004

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED DURING CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Amendment of s 756 (Application of s div 8)

Clause 1 provides for the inclusion of applications for coal or oil shale mining leases for coal, that were unfinished before 31 December 2004, to which section 745 did not apply, and which were granted after 31 December 2004. This amendment provides that the provisions of sections 757, 758 and 759 apply to these coal or oil shale mining leases. However, the “relevant period” for the lodgement of the initial development plan for these coal or oil shale mining leases is 6 months after the first anniversary of the grant of the lease.

Amendment of s 89 (Compliance with Act etc.)

Clause 2 amends the heading of the section it so it now reads correctly.

Amendment of s 292 (Obligation to decommission)

Clause 3 provides that petroleum wells, water observation bores and water monitoring bores are decommissioned from use under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* if they are plugged and abandoned in the way prescribed under a regulation.

Amendment of s 687 (Who is the *Executive Safety Manager* of an operation plant.)

Clause 4 amends the heading of the section it so it now reads correctly.

Schedule 1 (Minor Amendments of Acts)

Clause 5 provides for a minor change to the *Forestry Act 1959*.

Schedule 1 (Minor Amendments of Acts)

Clause 6 provides for a minor change to the cross referencing in the *Petroleum Act 1923*.

Schedule 1 (Minor Amendments of Acts)

Clause 7 provides for minor change to the drafting, so that a person is not penalised for complying with the *Petroleum Act 1923*, and also provides for minor changes to the cross referencing in the *Petroleum Act 1923*.

Schedule 1 (Minor Amendments of Acts)

Clause 8 provides for a minor change in the *Petroleum Act 1923* so that the Minister, if required, may approve how the consultation is to be carried out for a petroleum tenure and not just a petroleum lease.

Schedule 1 (Minor Amendments of Acts)

Clause 9 provides for a minor change to *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* so that the right to construct and operate a pipeline, within the area of a petroleum lease administered under the *Petroleum Act 1923*, continues.

Schedule 1 (Minor Amendments of Acts)

Clause 10 provides for a minor change to the cross referencing in the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*. This clause also provides details of 7 petroleum leases, that were granted pursuant to the *Petroleum Act 1923*, that become converted petroleum leases to be administered under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.