

Extractive Industries (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 contains the purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 describes the Principal Act.

Clause 4 amends sections 3 (1) and 4 (1) by increasing the tenure of leases and licences from a maximum of fifteen years to a maximum of thirty years.

Clause 5 inserts a new section 7B into the Act.

Sub-clause (1) provides for the Minister to impose such covenants and conditions on leases or licences as he thinks fit to minimize the adverse effects on the environment and community for any extractive industry operation. The Minister shall review the covenants and conditions at least once in every ten years and may impose additional covenants and conditions or amend or vary existing covenants and conditions.

Sub-clause (2) makes consequential amendments to sections 3 and 4 of the Principal Act.

Clause 6 inserts a new paragraph in section 8 (6) to provide for consents in relation to consolidated leases and licences.

Clause 7 amends section 17 of the Principal Act by substituting ten year rights of renewal instead of the existing 15 year right, and extends the maximum term of first renewal for existing licences to 30 years by inserting sub-section (6).

Clause 8 inserts a new section requiring relevant authorities to notify the Minister of any proposed extractive operations on Crown land.

Clause 9 makes a consequential change to section 39 of the Principal Act.

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