

**PETROLEUM (COAL MINING) AMENDMENT ACT,
1983, No. 155**

New South Wales



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Act No. 155, 1983.

An Act to amend the Petroleum Act, 1955, as a consequence of the enactment of the Coal Mining (Amendment) Act, 1983, and for other purposes. [Assented to, 31st December, 1983.]

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Petroleum (Coal Mining) Amendment Act, 1983".

Commencement.

2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

(2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on the day appointed and notified under section 2 (3) of the Coal Mining (Amendment) Act, 1983, for the commencement of Schedule 4 (28) to that Act.

Amendment of Act No. 28, 1955.

3. The Petroleum Act, 1955, is amended by omitting section 7 and by inserting instead the following section:—

Offence of prospecting or mining without authority.

7. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall not—

- (a) prospect for petroleum except under, and in accordance with—
- (i) a petroleum exploration licence granted under this Act;
or
 - (ii) a coal lease granted under the Coal Mining Act, 1973, which applies to petroleum by reason of a direction given under section 72A (3) (a) of that Act; or

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- (b) mine for petroleum except under, and in accordance with—
 - (i) a petroleum mining lease granted under this Act; or
 - (ii) a coal lease referred to in paragraph (a) (ii).

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents a person from prospecting or mining for petroleum if the person is entitled to do so by virtue of a legal instrument—

- (a) sanctioned by the Minister under section 38 and registered under that section; or
 - (b) approved by the Minister administering the Coal Mining Act, 1973, under section 104 of that Act.
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