

## **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Powers and Other Measures) Amendment Bill 2014**

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1.207 The Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Powers and Other Measures) Amendment Bill 2014 proposes to make technical amendments to various Acts to enable the proper commencement of pending amendments to the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (OPGGS Act) relating to regulatory powers and enforcement measures.

1.208 The amendments in the bill will amend the commencement provisions in the *Offshore Storage Amendment (Compliance Measures) Act 2013* to link to the commencement of the proposed *Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Act 2014*.

1.209 The bill also seeks to make other technical amendments to the OPGGS Act including:

- removing the ability for the regulator to apply an infringement notice for a breach of the requirement to ensure that there is an operator's representative present at a facility at all times when one or more individuals are present at the facility;
- inserting a regulation-making power to provide for refund and remittal of annual titles administration levy in certain circumstances;
- amending section 343, relating to applications for a greenhouse gas holding lease by the holder of a petroleum retention lease, for consistency with similar provisions;
- removing the requirement to provide a copy of the application with an application for approval of a transfer, application for approval of a dealing, and provisional application for approval of a dealing; and
- correcting a missing subsection number and outdated references to 'the Safety Authority' in section 649.

1.210 The bill is accompanied by a statement of compatibility which concludes that the bill is compatible with human rights.<sup>1</sup>

**1.211 The committee considers that the bill does not appear to give rise to human rights concerns.**

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1 Explanatory memorandum (EM), p. 7.