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Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2000

Date Introduced: 6 December 2000

House: House of Representatives

Portfolio: Industry, Science and Resources

Commencement: 28 Days after the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Act (No.3) 2000* receives Royal Assent.

Purpose

To amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967* to transfer certain powers from the Joint Authority to the Designated Authority.

Background

Background on Commonwealth / State¹ regulation of offshore petroleum operations is contained in the Bills Digest for the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill (No.3) 2000*. Both Bills are designed to transfer a variety of regulatory powers relating to 'day to day administration' from the (Commonwealth / State) Joint Authority to the (State) Designated Authority.

Main Provisions

Schedule 1 Amendment of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967*

Items 1 and 2 transfer powers currently held by the Joint Authority under existing subsections 4(4), 4(5), 4(6A) and 4(6B) of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act* to the Designated Authority. These powers are procedural in nature and relate to the collection of fees for the registration of title transfers etc.

Item 3 is a transitional provision that is required as a result of the proposed amendments under **item 1**. Any relevant decision of the Joint Authority is, once **item 1** comes into force, deemed to be decision of the Designated Authority.

Endnotes

1 'State' should be read to include the Northern Territory.

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