

**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas  
Storage Amendment (Ending Offshore  
Petroleum Exploration and Recovery)  
Bill 2019**

**Exposure Draft**

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**A Bill for an Act to amend the *Offshore Petroleum  
and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*, and for  
related purposes**

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| 1. Does this Bill need a message? (See H of R Practice, sixth ed, pp. 423427, and OGC advice.)<br>If yes:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List relevant clauses/items—</li> <li>• Prepare message advice (see Drafting Direction 4.9)</li> <li>• Give a copy of the message advice to the Legislation area.</li> </ul> | No  |
| 2. Does this Bill need a notice? (See H of R Standing Order 178 and Drafting Direction 3.2.)<br>If no list relevant clauses/items—   | Yes |
| 3. Is there any constitutional reason why this Bill should not be introduced in the Senate?<br>(See Constitution sections 53 and 55 and Drafting Direction 3.2.)   | No  |

## ***A Bill for an Act to amend the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, and for related purposes***

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

### **1 Short title**

This Act is the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Ending Offshore Petroleum Exploration and Recovery) Act 2019*.

### **2 Commencement**

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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**Commencement information**

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| <b>Column 1</b>         | <b>Column 2</b>  | <b>Column 3</b>     |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Provisions</b>       | <b>Commencement</b>  | <b>Date/Details</b> |
| 1. The whole of the Act | The day after the end of the period of 6 months beginning on the day this Act receives the Royal Assent. |                     |

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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

### **3 Schedules**

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

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## **Schedule 1—Amendments**

### ***Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006***

#### **1 After section 255**

Insert:

#### **255A Certain applications must not be made on or after the commencement of this section**

- (1) The Joint Authority must not consider or take any action in relation to an application made on or after the commencement of this section if the application is one of the following:
  - (a) an application for the grant or renewal of a petroleum exploration permit;
  - (b) an application for the grant or renewal of a petroleum retention lease;
  - (c) an application for the grant or renewal of a petroleum production licence;
  - (d) an application for the grant or variation of an infrastructure licence;
  - (e) an application for the grant or variation of a pipeline licence.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect despite any provision of this Act that requires the Joint Authority to:
  - (a) consider the application; or
  - (b) take any particular action in relation to the application.