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## **Petroleum Titles (Browse Basin) Act 2014**

**An Act to make provision about certain petroleum titles in the Browse Basin as a consequence of changes to maritime boundaries and for related purposes.**

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:



## Part 1 — Preliminary

### 1. Short title

This is the *Petroleum Titles (Browse Basin) Act 2014*.

### 2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

### 3. Terms used

In this Act —

**adjacent area** has the meaning given in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 5;

**adjacent area block** means —

- (a) a WA-30-R adjacent area block; or
- (b) a WA-315-P adjacent area block; or
- (c) the WA-398-P adjacent area block;

**commencement day** means the day on which this Act comes into operation;

**Commonwealth Act** means the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (Commonwealth);

**Commonwealth register** means a register kept under the Commonwealth Act section 469;

**inshore block** means —

- (a) a TR/5 inshore block; or
- (b) a WA-30-R inshore block; or
- (c) a WA-315-P inshore block;

**lease TR/5** means the retention lease of that designation in force under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* Part III;

**lease R2** means the petroleum retention lease of that designation in force under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* Part III;

**lease WA-30-R** means the petroleum retention lease of that designation in force under the Commonwealth Act Part 2.3;

**permit WA-315-P** means the petroleum exploration permit of that designation in force under the Commonwealth Act Part 2.2;

**permit WA-398-P** means the petroleum exploration permit of that designation in force under the Commonwealth Act Part 2.2;

**PGERA Minister** means the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*;

**PGERA register** means the register kept under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* section 70;

**PSLA Minister** means the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*;

**PSLA register** means the register kept under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 75;

**relevant renewal day** means —

(a) in relation to an adjacent area block —

- (i) if the block is a WA-30-R adjacent area block — WA-30-R renewal day; or
- (ii) if the block is a WA-315-P adjacent area block — WA-315-P renewal day; or
- (iii) if the block is the WA-398-P adjacent area block — WA-398-P renewal day;

or

(b) in relation to an inshore block —

- (i) if the block is a TR/5 inshore block — TR/5 renewal day; or
- (ii) if the block is a WA-30-R inshore block — WA-30-R renewal day; or
- (iii) if the block is a WA-315-P inshore block — WA-315-P renewal day;



**TR/5 inshore block** means a block as defined in the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* section 5(1) that, immediately before TR/5 renewal day, is purportedly the subject of lease TR/5;

**TR/5 renewal day** means the day on which lease TR/5 is first renewed under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* after commencement day;

**WA-30-R adjacent area block** means a block as defined in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 4 that, immediately before WA-30-R renewal day, is the subject of lease WA-30-R;

**WA-30-R inshore block** means a block as defined in the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* section 5(1) that, immediately before WA-30-R renewal day, is purportedly the subject of lease WA-30-R;

**WA-30-R renewal day** means the day on which lease WA-30-R is first renewed under the Commonwealth Act after commencement day;

**WA-315-P adjacent area block** means a block as defined in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 4 that, immediately before WA-315-P renewal day, is the subject of permit WA-315-P;

**WA-315-P inshore block** means a block as defined in the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* section 5(1) that, immediately before WA-315-P renewal day, is purportedly the subject of lease WA-315-P;

**WA-315-P renewal day** means the day on which permit WA-315-P is first renewed under the Commonwealth Act after commencement day;

**WA-398-P adjacent area block** means the block as defined in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 4 that, immediately before WA-398-P renewal day, is the subject of permit WA-398-P;

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***WA-398-P renewal day*** means the day on which permit WA-398-P is first renewed under the Commonwealth Act after commencement day.

## **Part 2 — Petroleum titles in Scott Reef area**

### **4. Expansion of lease R2**

- (1) On WA-30-R renewal day each WA-30-R inshore block becomes the subject of lease R2 and part of its lease area for the purposes of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*.
- (2) On TR/5 renewal day each TR/5 inshore block becomes the subject of lease R2 and part of its lease area for the purposes of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*.

### **5. Expansion of lease TR/5**

On WA-30-R renewal day each WA-30-R adjacent area block becomes the subject of lease TR/5 and part of its lease area for the purposes of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*.

### **6. New exploration permit under *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982***

- (1) On WA-315-P renewal day the PSLA Minister is to grant an exploration permit for petroleum to the holder of permit WA-315-P in respect of the WA-315-P adjacent area block in the vicinity of North Scott Reef.
- (2) The permit can be granted subject to such conditions as the PSLA Minister thinks fit and specifies in the permit, including conditions of the kind described in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 33(2).
- (3) For the purposes of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* and any other written law, the permit granted under subsection (1) is to be taken to be an exploration permit for petroleum granted under Part III of that Act.

### **Part 3 — Petroleum titles in Seringapatam Reef area**

**7. New exploration permit under *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967***

- (1) On WA-315-P renewal day the PGERA Minister is to grant a petroleum exploration permit to the holder of permit WA-315-P in respect of the WA-315-P inshore blocks in the vicinity of Seringapatam Reef.
- (2) The permit can be granted subject to such conditions as the PGERA Minister thinks fit and specifies in the permit, including conditions of the kind described in the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* section 43(2).
- (3) For the purposes of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* and any other written law, the permit granted under subsection (1) is to be taken to be a petroleum exploration permit granted under Part III of that Act.

**8. New exploration permit under *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* and subsequent expansion**

- (1) On WA-315-P renewal day the PSLA Minister is to grant an exploration permit for petroleum to the holder of permit WA-315-P in respect of the WA-315-P adjacent area blocks in the vicinity of Seringapatam Reef.
- (2) The permit can be granted subject to such conditions as the PSLA Minister thinks fit and specifies in the permit, including conditions of the kind described in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 33(2).
- (3) For the purposes of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* and any other written law, the permit granted under subsection (1) is to be taken to be an exploration permit for petroleum granted under Part III of that Act.

- (4) On WA-398-P renewal day the WA-398-P adjacent area block becomes the subject of the permit granted under subsection (1) and part of its permit area for the purposes of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*.

## Part 4 — Transitional matters

### 9. Locations

- (1) An inshore block that immediately before the relevant renewal day is, or forms part of, a location declared under the Commonwealth Act section 131 or the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 37 is, on and after the relevant renewal day, to be taken to be a location declared under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* section 47.
- (2) An adjacent area block that immediately before the relevant renewal day is, or forms part of, a location declared under the Commonwealth Act section 131 is, on and after the relevant renewal day, to be taken to be a location declared under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* section 37.

### 10. Registers

- (1) The PGERA Minister is to —
  - (a) make any entry or endorsement in the PGERA register that the Minister considers necessary to ensure that the PGERA register accurately records the effect of this Act; and
  - (b) record in the PGERA register any information relating to an inshore block that immediately before the relevant renewal day is recorded in a Commonwealth register or the PSLA register.
- (2) The PSLA Minister is to —
  - (a) make any entry or endorsement in the PSLA register that the PSLA Minister considers necessary to ensure that the PSLA register accurately records the effect of this Act; and
  - (b) record in the PSLA register any information relating to an adjacent area block that immediately before the relevant renewal day is recorded in a Commonwealth register.

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> This is a compilation of the *Petroleum Titles (Browse Basin) Act 2014*. The following table contains information about that Act.

**Compilation table**

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<b>Short title</b>	<b>Number and year</b>	<b>Assent</b>	<b>Commencement</b>
<i>Petroleum Titles (Browse Basin) Act 2014</i>	30 of 2014	3 Dec 2014	3 Dec 2014 (see s. 2)

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## Defined terms

*[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined.  
The list is not part of the law.]*

<b>Defined term</b>	<b>Provision(s)</b>
adjacent area .....	3
adjacent area block.....	3
commencement day .....	3
Commonwealth Act .....	3
Commonwealth register .....	3
inshore block.....	3
lease R2.....	3
lease TR/5 .....	3
lease WA-30-R .....	3
permit WA-315-P .....	3
permit WA-398-P .....	3
PGERA Minister.....	3
PGERA register .....	3
PSLA Minister .....	3
PSLA register.....	3
relevant renewal day .....	3
TR/5 inshore block.....	3
TR/5 renewal day.....	3
WA-30-R adjacent area block.....	3
WA-30-R inshore block.....	3
WA-30-R renewal day .....	3
WA-315-P adjacent area block .....	3
WA-315-P inshore block .....	3
WA-315-P renewal day.....	3
WA-398-P adjacent area block .....	3
WA-398-P renewal day.....	3