

CLAUSE NOTES

Mineral Resources Legislation (Ban on Fracking) Bill 2026

Clause 1: Short Title

The Short title will be the *Mineral Resources Legislation (Ban on Fracking) Act 2026*.

Clause 2: Commencement

The Amendment Act will commence on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Principal Act

The *Mineral Resources Development Act 1995* is referred to as the "Principal Act".

Clause 4: Section 7A Inserted

Introduces a new section into the Principal Act that provides that a mining authorisation cannot authorise hydraulic fracturing for purposes other than geothermal energy production.

Mining authorisations are defined as any lease or licence under the Act, or any authorisation under the Act that allows for mining, investigation or research.

Clause 5: Repeal of Act

The Act is repealed on the first anniversary after the Act commences.