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South Australia

**Petroleum and Geothermal Energy (Underground  
Coal Gasification) Amendment Bill 2018**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

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**The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:**

## **Part 1—Preliminary**

### **1—Short title**

5 This Act may be cited as the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy (Underground Coal Gasification) Amendment Act 2018*.

### **2—Commencement**

This Act will come into operation 3 months after assent.

### **3—Amendment provisions**

10 In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

## **Part 2—Amendment of *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000***

### **4—Insertion of Section 137A**

After section 137 insert:

#### **137A—Underground Coal Gasification Prohibition**

- (1) Despite another provision of this Act, or any other Act or law, a person must not carry out underground coal gasification operations on any land within the State.
- 20 (2) This section applies whether or not a person holds an exploration licence or a production licence that would, but for the operation of this section, entitle the holder of the licence to carry out underground coal gasification operations on land within the State.
- (3) No compensation is payable by or on behalf of the State in connection with the operation of this section.
- 25 (4) In this section—

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*underground coal gasification operations* means operations that involve the recovery (or potential or enhanced recovery) of a form of gas from an underground coal seam by the use of a gaseous substance (such as oxygen or air) or water (or both) that is reacted with the coal in situ to initiate gasification, other than operations for the production of geothermal energy.