

Western Australia

Uranium Mining (Implementation of Government Commitments) Bill 2007

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(Introduced by Hon. Giz Watson, MLC)

**Uranium Mining (Implementation of
Government Commitments) Bill 2007**

A Bill for

An Act to prohibit the mining of uranium in Western Australia.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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1. Short title

This is the *Uranium Mining (Implementation of Government Commitments) Bill 2007*.

2. Commencement

5 This Act comes into operation on Royal Assent.

3. The Act amended

The amendments in this Act are to the *Mining Act 1978*.

4. Section 154A inserted

After section 154 the following section is inserted —

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154A Penalties

(1) A person who mines uranium commits an offence.

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Penalty: \$500,000 and if the offence is a continuing one, to a further fine of \$50,000 for every day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

(2) It is a defence to a charge under this section to show that the accused person —

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(a) Mined the uranium under the authority of a mining lease granted on or before 22 June 2002; or

(b) Mined the uranium incidentally to the mining of other minerals and not for the purpose of sale.

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