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*An Act to amend the *Petroleum Act 1923**

[Assented to 18 April 1996]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts—**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Petroleum Amendment Act 1996*.

Act amended

2. This Act amends the *Petroleum Act 1923*.

Insertion of new s 150 (Declaration about certain permits, leases and licences)

3. After section 149—

insert—

‘Declaration about certain permits, leases and licences

‘**150.(1)** This section applies to an authority to prospect, lease, or licence, (a “**petroleum interest**”) granted before or after the commencement of this section for hydrocarbons naturally occurring in association with coal (“**coal seam gas**”).

‘**(2)** To remove any doubt, this Act applies, and is taken always to have applied, to the petroleum interest as if coal seam gas were petroleum.

‘**(3)** Without limiting subsection (2) and to further remove any doubt—

- (a) the power of the Governor in Council under this Act to grant an authority to prospect includes, and is taken always to have included, power to grant an authority to prospect for coal seam gas; and
- (b) the power of the Governor in Council under this Act to grant a lease includes, and is taken always to have included, power to grant a lease for coal seam gas to the holder of an authority to prospect; and

- (c) the power of the Governor in Council under this Act to grant a licence includes, and is taken always to have included, power to grant a licence for coal seam gas.

‘(4) A person is not, and never has been, authorised to extract and produce, or mine, coal seam gas merely because an Act authorises the person to mine coal.

‘(5) This section has effect despite the provisions of any other Act enacted before the commencement, including, for example—

- the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*
- the *Thiess Peabody Mitsui Coal Pty. Ltd. Agreement Act 1962*.

‘(6) Compensation is not payable by the State merely because of—

- (a) the enactment or operation of this section; or
- (b) anything done to give effect to this section.’