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**A Bill for an Act to Legalise Nuclear Energy, and for
related purposes**

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for related purposes**

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act is the *(Nuclear Energy Legalisation Bill 2021)*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day this Act receives Royal Assent	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

4 Objects of this Act

The objects of this act are:

- (a) To remove the prohibition on nuclear fission in Australia
- (b) To allow investment into clean energy to get Australia off fossil fuels

5 Commonwealth to be bound

- (1) This Act binds the Commonwealth in all its capabilities.
- (2) The Act does not make the Commonwealth liable to be prosecuted for an offence.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Part 1—Nuclear Energy Legalisation

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999

1 Section 140A

Repeal the section, substitute:

140A Requirements for decisions about nuclear installations

(1) In deciding whether or not to approve the taking of an action consisting of or involving the construction or operation of:

- (a) A nuclear fuel fabrication plant;
- (b) A nuclear power plant;
- (c) An enrichment plant; or
- (d) A reprocessing facility

The minister must not act inconsistently with:

- (e) Australia's obligations under the Paris Climate Accord; or
- (f) The preference for renewable sources of energy where applicable, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) Solar power
 - (ii) Wind power
 - (iii) Hydro power
 - (iv) Tidal power
 - (v) Geothermal power

(2) The minister must not approve the taking of an action consisting of or involving the construction or operation of:

- (a) a nuclear fuel fabrication plant;
- (b) a nuclear power plant;
- (c) An enrichment plant; or
- (d) A reprocessing facility

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998

2 Section 10

Repeal the section

3 Section 32(3)

Insert:

(4) In deciding whether to issue a licence under subsection (1) in relation to:

- (a) A nuclear fuel fabrication plant;
- (b) A nuclear power plant;
- (c) An enrichment plant;
- (d) A reprocessing facility;

The CEO must take into account the preference for renewable sources where applicable, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Solar power
- (b) Wind power
- (c) Hydro power
- (d) Tidal power
- (e) Geothermal power