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Commonwealth of Australia<sup>1</sup>

House of Representatives

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## **Legalize Nuclear Energy Bill**

**No.     , 2023**

*Introduced by The Hon. Model-BigBigBoss MP*

*Written by GHagrid*

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

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

**Part 1—Preliminary**

**1 Short title**

This Act is the *Legalize Nuclear Energy Bill 2023*

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## 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted.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Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.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

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## **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.

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## 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.
- (3) 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; or
  - (c) an enrichment plant; or
  - (d) a reprocessing facility;
- without presenting a plan surrounding how the water requirements for these facilities will be met.

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- (4) For the purposes of section 140A(3) the Minister must not approve a construction or operation of any of the listed facilities unless that facility has a water desalination plant operational to meet its water needs unless the facility operators present an adequate plan through the usage of water from the ocean for their related purposes.

## ***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 license 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:

- (e) solar power;
- (f) wind power;
- (g) hydro power;
- (h) tidal power;
- (i) geothermal power.