



New South Wales

Mining (General) Amendment (Geothermal Substances) Regulation 1998

under the
Mining Act 1992

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Mining Act 1992*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to revise the definition of **mineral** for the purposes of the *Mining Act 1992*. Under the *Mining (General) Regulation 1997*, **mineral** includes a geothermal substance. This Regulation replaces the definition of geothermal substance, so that geothermal substances include all substances occurring naturally or artificially underground that are heated by the natural processes of the earth to a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Celsius (excluding petroleum, coal, oil shale, uranium and substances already considered to be minerals).

This Regulation is made under the *Mining Act 1992*, including the definition of **mineral** in the Dictionary to that Act and section 388 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Mining (General) Amendment (Geothermal Substances) Regulation 1998*.

2 Amendment of Mining (General) Regulation 1997

The *Mining (General) Regulation 1997* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

3 Notes

The explanatory note does not form part of this Regulation.

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Clause 2)

Clause 4 Meaning of “mineral”

Omit clause 4 (2). Insert instead:

(2) A reference in Schedule 1 or 2 to a *geothermal substance* is a reference to any substance occurring naturally or artificially underground that is heated by the natural processes of the earth to a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Celsius (other than any other substance referred to in those Schedules, and other than petroleum, coal, oil shale and uranium).