



# Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Savings Regulation 2000

under the

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*.

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## Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to ensure that the area identified in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* (*the Act*) as the *adjacent area* of New South Wales does not change as a consequence of the repeal and re-enactment of section 7 of the Act by the *Survey (Geocentric Datum of Australia) Act 1999* (which commences at the same time as this Regulation commences). The area is identified by reference to points of latitude and longitude.

Section 7 specifies the way in which the position on the surface of the Earth of a point, line or area is to be determined for the purposes of the Act. Before its repeal and re-enactment, section 7 required any such position to be determined (essentially) by reference to the Australian Geodetic Datum (*AGD*). *AGD* is a mathematical model of the surface of the earth for use in computing co-ordinates of latitude and longitude and in map projections.

Section 7 as re-enacted requires the use of a different mathematical model—the Geocentric Datum of Australia (*GDA*). If an area determined by reference to points of latitude and longitude using *AGD* is re-determined using *GDA*, the area will “move” some 200 metres to the south-west.

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This Regulation is made under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*, and, in particular, under section 152 (the general regulation-making power) and clause 3 of Schedule 4 (which is inserted by the *Survey (Geocentric Datum of Australia) Act 1999*).

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**1 Name of Regulation**

This Regulation is the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Savings Regulation 2000*.

**2 Commencement**

This Regulation commences on 31 March 2000.

**3 Definition**

In this Regulation:

*the Act* means the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*.

**4 Notes**

The explanatory note and table of contents do not form part of this Regulation.

**5 Savings provision—the adjacent area**

The points of latitude and longitude referred to in Schedule 2 to the Act are to be determined in accordance with section 7 of the Act as in force immediately before the repeal and re-enactment of that section by Schedule 2.3 [1] to the *Survey (Geocentric Datum of Australia) Act 1999*.

BY AUTHORITY

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