

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Uranium Mining (Implementation of Government
Commitments) Bill 2007**

A Bill for

An Act to prohibit the mining of uranium in Western Australia.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This is the *Uranium Mining (Implementation of Government Commitments) Bill 2007*.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on Royal Assent.

3. The Act amended

The amendments in this Act are to the *Mining Act 1978*.

4. Section 154A inserted

After section 154 the following section is inserted -

(1) A person who mines uranium commits an offence.

Penalty: \$500,000 and if the offence is a continuing one, to a further fine of \$50,000 for every day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

(2) It is a defence to a charge under this section to show that the accused person:

- (a) Mined the uranium under the authority of a mining lease granted on or before 22 June 2002; or
- (b) Mined the uranium incidentally to the mining of other minerals and not for the purpose of sale.