

## GEOHERMAL ENERGY

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## THE GEOHERMAL ENERGY ACT 1953

1953, No. 102

An Act to make provision for the control of the tapping and use of geothermal energy and for vesting all such energy in the Crown  
[26 November 1953]

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Geothermal Energy Act 1953.

**2. Interpretation**—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Bore” means any well, hole, pipe, or excavation of any kind which is bored, drilled, sunk, or made in the ground for the purpose of investigating, prospecting, obtaining, or producing geothermal energy, or which taps or is likely to tap geothermal energy; and includes any hole in the ground which taps geothermal energy: