

Licence Applications

Are the proposed amendments to information requirements for licence applications likely to be effective? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

The current "consultation" process is a farce. It has been poorly advertised, and is not widely known amongst communities impacted by mining proposals. The timeline indicates that submissions will be brushed over and not seriously considered. The whole document has been written by an advocate for the mining industries, without any regard to the detrimental impacts these industries have on the broader community.

Work plans

Are the proposed amendments to work plans and work plan variations effective? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

No - the whole processes are still "top secret" and highly corrupt.

Should there be an option for regulated parties to apply the risk management approach, contained within a Code of Practice for risk management issued by the Minister under Part 8A of the Principal Act?

No

Do you have any comments on the proposed Code of Practice (refer to attachment C)?

Neither the Minister, the regulator nor the mining industry has the competence or integrity to write a meaningful Code of Practice.

Rehabilitation

Do the proposed changes to rehabilitation plans and progressive rehabilitation milestones sufficiently clarify the legal obligations to 'rehabilitate land in accordance with [a] rehabilitation plan' and to 'rehabilitate land in the course of doing work'?

Response

No

If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

The only parties with the competence to assess rehabilitation are the local communities and landholders - who are the only parties excluded from setting the rehabilitation objectives and measures.

Do you support the move to a more flexible, proportionate, outcomes-based rehabilitation plan approach (as outlined in the proposed regulations and the preferred option in the RIS)?

No

If not, please provide further comment

No - the mining sector is untrustworthy. The buggers need to be nailed to the floor!

Do the rehabilitation proposals meet the expectations of the community?

No

Advertising

Are the proposed amendments to advertising requirements likely to be effective? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

Require the mining proponents to provide accurate, detailed, factual information.

What alternative forms of advertising could be used to ensure interested parties are informed of proposed licences?

Reporting requirements

Are the proposed amendments to information requirements for annual reports and returns likely to be effective? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

No

If not, what information should be collected and why?

The regulator is unlikely to do anything if the returns aren't provided on time anyway

Is the 28-day time period for lodging returns an appropriate length for submitting the required documentation?

No

If not, what is an appropriate time period?

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Should the reporting date for annual returns be changed to a date other than 30 June?

No

If yes, what date would be more appropriate?

Doesn't matter.