**September 2020**

# Operational rehabilitation reforms (Mining Regulation 2016 amendment)

The NSW Resources Regulator is seeking submissions on proposed amendments to the Mining Regulation 2016. The purpose of the amendments is to impose new standard **mining lease conditions** that require progressive rehabilitation, rehabilitation risk assessment, annual reporting and detailed rehabilitation management planning. The new mining lease conditions will replace existing rehabilitation conditions on current mining leases and be added to all new mining leases through the regulation. Documents will be required in the manner and form approved by the Secretary and draft manner and form documents are also provided for comment.

These reforms will implement robust regulatory mechanisms and set clearer, focused rehabilitation requirements throughout the mine’s life, from the mine design stage through to closure. The reforms also introduce explicit obligations to progressively rehabilitate and allow for rehabilitation strategies and measures to accommodate continuous improvement, as rehabilitation data and capabilities increase over time.

#### How to make a submission

You can send questions about the reforms or the submission process to: rr.feedback@planning.nsw.gov.au

To make a submission, use this form to comment on the proposed amendments to the Mining Regulation 2016 for the Operational Rehabilitation Reforms and return to:

**Email:** rr.feedback@planning.nsw.gov.au

**Post:** Operational Rehabilitation Reforms

NSW Resources Regulator – Regulatory Programs

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**By the closing date: 6 November 2020**

In accordance with the *Mining Act 1992* (Clause 13, Schedule 1B), all comments and submissions received within the exhibition period will be considered by the relevant decision-maker before any Regulation is made.

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# Feedback Form

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## Feedback

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