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Project 1.3: State regulatory frameworks: Queensland

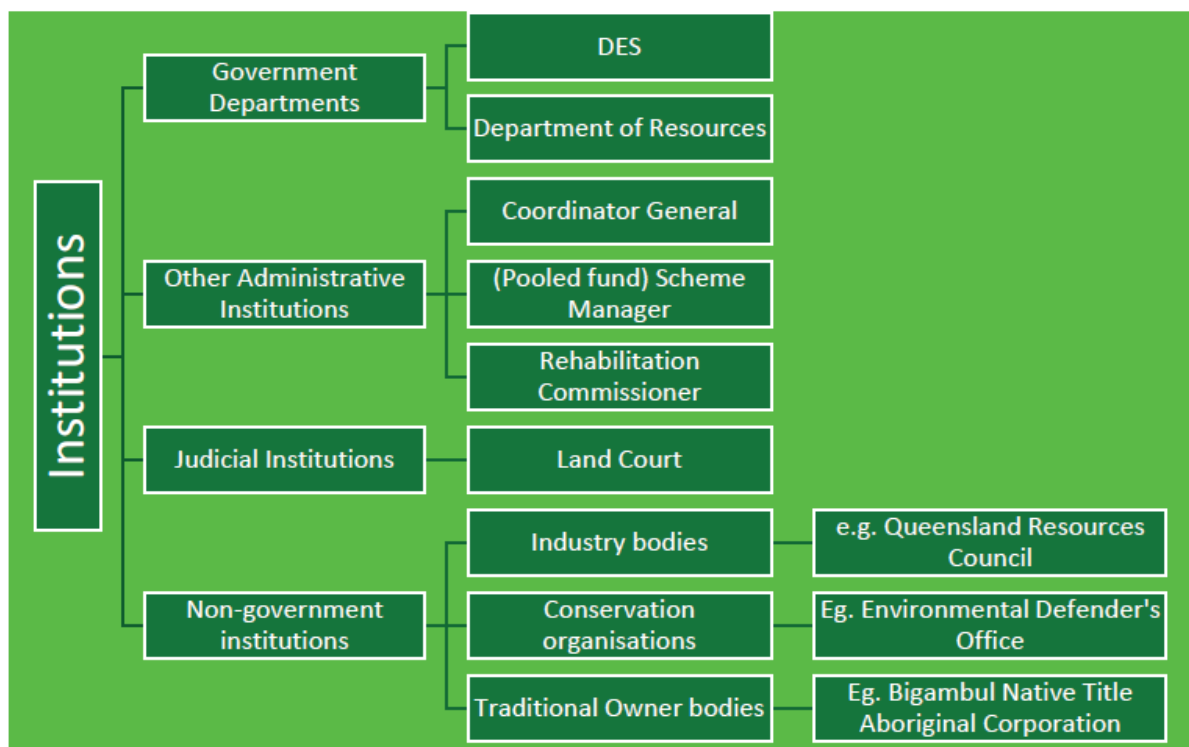
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Queensland institutions



Queensland principal regulatory instruments



Queensland: chronology of key reforms



Summary

Queensland's regulatory framework was quite pre-mining and planning centred, but it has been recently reformed to require more comprehensive mine closure planning. It does not require regular amendment to those plans throughout the mine life cycle, but adjustments can be made on an as-needs basis. An application for a mining licence can also be referred for an environmental approval, although Queensland does not have a separate environmental authority, such as an Environment Protection Authority.

Queensland also uses a pooled fund financial assurance system but requires a one-off payment as opposed to the annual payments required in Western Australia. Queensland's mining industry is more homogenous than Western Australia's and is centred around coal. Queensland also has many mines approaching closure, as well as a suite of significant new proposals undergoing the planning and approvals process.

Queensland encourages continual closure planning and progressive rehabilitation. In reality, however, it is only after decommissioning begins and operations have ceased that many of the difficulties of repurposing present themselves. To combat some of the delays to transformation that can arise, Queensland has introduced a system of progressive certification, allowing operators to relinquish portions of their mining lease with certainty that their obligations have been met.

REFERENCES

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