

RESOURCE

Project 2.2: Publicly accessible regulatory and legislative provisions in mining across Australia



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Publicly accessible regulatory and legislative provisions across Australia

Document	Year	Type
NEW SOUTH WALES		
Social Impact Assessment Guideline	2017	Guideline
Rehabilitation Cost Estimate Guidelines	2017	Guideline
Mining Regulation	2016	Regulation
Mine Application Guideline	2015	Guideline
Guidelines for the Economic Assessment of Mining and Coal Seam Gas Proposals	2015	Guideline
Mining Operations Plan (MOP) Guidelines	2013	Guideline
State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development)	2011	Policy
Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation	2000	Regulation
QUEENSLAND		
Environmental Protection (Rehabilitation Reform) Amendment Regulation 2019	2019	Regulation
Managing residual risks in Queensland	2019	Paper (FSFRP)
Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Act	2018	Act
Social Impact Assessment Guideline	2018	Guideline
Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act	2017	Act
Financial Assurance under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 Guideline	2016	Guideline
Environmental Impact Statement Process for Resource Projects Guideline	2015	Guideline
Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement: Guideline for Proponents	2015	Guideline
Rehabilitation Requirements for Mining Resource Activities Guideline	2014	Guideline
Triggers for EIS under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 for Mining and Petroleum Activities	2014	Guideline
Mineral Resources Regulation	2013	Regulation
Environmental Protection Regulation	2008	Regulation
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act	2003	Act
WESTERN AUSTRALIA		
Environmental Factor Guideline – Inland Waters	2018	Guideline
Environmental Factor Guideline – Landforms	2018	Guideline
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures Manual	2018	Guideline
Guideline for Mining Proposals in Western Australia	2016	Guideline
Statement of Environmental Principles, Factors, and Objectives	2016	Guideline
Environmental Factor Guideline – Social Surroundings	2016	Guideline
Environmental Factor Guideline – Human Health	2016	Guideline
Environmental Factor Guideline – Terrestrial Environmental Quality	2016	Guideline
Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans	2015	Guideline
Mining Rehabilitation Fund Regulations	2013	Regulation
Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act	2012	Act
Environmental Guidance for Planning and Development	2008	Guideline
VICTORIA		
Regulatory Practice Strategy for the Rehabilitation of Earth Resources Sites	2020	Regulation
Lalor Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy (LVRSS)	2020	Guideline
Preparation of Rehabilitation Plans: Guideline for Mining and Prospecting Projects	2020	Guideline
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations	2019	Regulation
Earth Resources Regulation	2018	Regulation
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Extractive Industries) Regulations	2010	Regulation
TASMANIA		
Fact sheet B: Planning for Closure	2018	Fact Sheet
Rehabilitation Trust Fund	unstated	Web page
Water disposal effects on groundwater quality	unstated	Web page
Management of Acid and Metalliferous Drainage in Tasmania - Good Practice Guidance 2020-2025	2020	Good Practices
NORTHERN TERRITORY SOUTH AUSTRALIA		
Supervising Scientist Rehabilitation Standards 2018 - Commonwealth	2021	Guidelines
Land rights access and engagement - SA	2021	Guidelines
South Australia - Mining Regulations - SA	2020	Act
Mining forms and guidelines - NT	2020	Guidelines
Environmental Requirements for the Ranger Uranium Mine - Commonwealth	1999	EPA Requirements
Extractive areas rehabilitation fund (EARF) – SA	1971	Act

Adapted: (Vivoda, Kemp and Owen, 2019)

Summary

The table illustrates that the majority of regulatory and legislative provisions in Australia are associated with QLD, NSW, and WA. This is unsurprising given that these states are home to the majority of Australia's mining operations. The response from these state regulators during verbal interviews highlighted the practical obstacles and issues that exist.

REFERENCES

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