

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Justice
Name of the proposal	Establishment of the Mining and Resources Coroner
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Coroners (Mining and Resources Coroner) Amendment Bill 2025
Date of issue	June 2025

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	<p>It is a Queensland Government Election Commitment (GEC) and charter letter commitment of the Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, to re-establish and increase the powers of the Mining Warden's Court with powers to investigate fatal accidents on the state's mine and quarry sites.</p> <p>The GEC will be implemented by the preparation and progression of the Coroners (Mining and Resources Coroner) Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill) which will amend the <i>Coroners Act 2003</i> (Coroners Act) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide for the appointment of a coroner as the Mining and Resources Coroner; and provide that the Mining and Resources Coroner must undertake coronial investigations and inquests into all accidental mining-related deaths, which will include deaths that occur on mines, coal mines and quarries, as well as mining railways and particular sites where petroleum and gas works are carried out. <p>The Mining and Resources Coroner will undertake coronial investigations and inquests within the existing coronial framework using the powers and processes of a coroner under the Coroners Act.</p> <p>The Bill will also make minor, technical amendments to alleviate the administrative burden on the Coroners Court of Queensland by clarifying processes to enable preliminary examinations and enabling multiple Deputy State Coroner appointments.</p> <p>The proposal relates to the administration of courts and tribunals. No regulatory impact analysis is required under the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy.</p>

Signed



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