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I submit that the draft bill needs to be amended to properly provide for the following outcomes:

Miners must be prohibited from leaving final voids.

It is simply absurd and unacceptable for mine excavations to be left unfilled across the State when projects are abandoned after corporations have maximised their profits.

The cost of the rehabilitation and limit of impacts to the tenure site should not be allowed to be excuses to not rehabilitate. Works should be rehabilitated in the same way that any other business or person is expected to clean up any impact impacts they might cause upon public space, intentionally or otherwise.

The bill must ensure public scrutiny is available of the risk assessment undertaken for companies, and the FA contribution and form required. This is needed to ensure the process is transparent and accountable to the public, which will in turn increase the quality and community trust in the process.

Transparency must be provided for by extended standing for the public to seek reasons or judicial review of any decision around financial assurance or review of the transfer of environmental authorities. This is critical given that the potential risk faced by the State from poor management of FA and transfer of authorities is a public interest matter.

regards

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