

Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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The Secretary.

Committee Inquiring into the Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining)
and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

Health, Environment and Innovation Committee <HEIC@parliament.qld.gov.au>

Submitted online.

Dear Secretary,

**Subject: Inquiry into Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining) and
Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.**

On behalf of the Mine Managers' Association of Australia ("the Association"), we thank you for your email relating to the abovementioned Inquiry and your acknowledgement that the Association is identified as a stakeholder in this matter.

The Association supports the periodic review of legislation affecting the mining industry so that it remains fit for purpose, reflects contemporary best practice and delivers optimum outcomes for the industry.

Our membership has grown to 430 members and membership, whilst mainly directed to practising mine managers, also includes a diverse range of senior management in the coal mining industry: from chairmen and directors of companies, mines inspectors, academics, consultants, and senior technical managers.

In NSW nearly all practising coal mine managers (MEMs), both open cut and underground, are members of the Association and with 115 Queensland members, to our knowledge, all practising underground mine managers (UMMs) are members, as are a significant number of Site Senior Executives (SSEs)

The objectives of our Association are:

- To advance the interests and raise the status of members.
- To maintain member's competencies and continue their professional development.
- To improve health and safety in the workplace.
- To provide support to members in employment related issues; and
- To contribute to sustainable mine development and industry growth.

The Association achieves its objects by:

- Developing policies to support the objects of the Association, the conduct and professional development of members.
- Organising technical seminars to advance the art and science of modern mine management theory and practice and the knowledge of members.
- Providing representation on industry committees formed to frame and/or review legislation, policy, or advice.

- Organising regular meetings or communication sessions to provide members the opportunity to effectively network with their peers.
- Encouraging the use of risk management and other contemporary safety techniques to identify and control risks in the mining industry.
- Promoting adequate returns on mining investment as the means of causing industry growth, optimising resource recovery, and providing employment opportunities.
- Promoting sound environmental management, and sustainable development; and
- Promoting industry standardisation of competencies, maintenance of competencies and legislative requirements throughout Australia.

You will note from our Objects that we represent members in relation to government interaction and legislative changes with a clear focus on matters that are important to our members and their interaction with government, the community and other stakeholders.

You will also note from the introduction, the diverse range of mining management we represent at mines in Queensland with specific responsibilities for health, safety, and environmental performance and compliance.

The Association offers the following comments:

1. We support the Bill, as proposed, as it reduces the regulatory burden as identified in the supporting documentation and Bill proposed,
2. We are pleased to see many regulatory clauses omitted with more clarity in some areas, and support the concept of using a code to establish Environmental Relevant Activities (ERAs) for compliance as an alternative to mine specific Environmental Authorities (EAs) for small scale mining activities,
3. We also support the removal of duplication of the many regulatory functions in the Environmental Protection Act and the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act,
4. We make no comment on changes to the Forestry Act and the Recreational Areas Management Act.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback and any further detail you may require can be obtained from the undersigned or the Secretary.

Yours Sincerely,
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President, MMAA.

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Ray Robinson.
Secretary, MMAA