



Proposed changes to the Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

The Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia (ETU) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to State Development, Natural Resources in their consideration on the *proposed changes*.

The ETU is an Organisation registered under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld). The ETU is a union of over 13,250 members¹ representing employees employed in, or in connection with, the electrical industry, including many employed in the mining industry/resource sector and we make this submission on their behalf.

1 – Safety & Health

The ETU supports industrial manslaughter being introduced to the mining sector. The introduction of Industrial Manslaughter is well over due in the Mining Sector. The recent fatalities have left families and co-workers wondering when they will stop.

The ETU supports the requirement that persons appointed to critical safety statutory roles for coal mining operation, must be an employee of the coal mine operator. For too long, Coal Mine Operators have utilised contractors to fill Statutory Roles (eg. OCE's) and have not utilised the assets of permanent Employees to their full potential.

2 – Financial Assurance

The ETU supports the proposed changes to ensure Financial Risks are mitigated and improve rehabilitation to mining operations areas. We have seen in the past, Mining Operations left in sub-stand conditions and it is left to the State to rehabilitate the areas.

3 – Regulatory Efficiency

The ETU does not object to the proposed provisions

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¹ As at 27 February 2020