

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**MR L MILLAR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND CRITICAL MINERALS (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister finalising legislation to introduce the most significant and sweeping reforms in the history of small claims mining in Queensland—

Will the Minister commit to embedding into the legislation he presents to the House a statutory review of the impacts of the reforms 12 months after the Bill commences?

ANSWER:

Further consultation on small-scale mining reforms will be undertaken before any legislation is introduced into Parliament, to ensure that the proposed reforms are fit for purpose and not overly burdensome.

The Department of Resources will be releasing further material in March with a refined set of proposed reforms, for a further round of consultation, with this final round of consultation to close on 14 June 2024.

Extensive consultation has previously been undertaken by the department with a range of stakeholders to understand the issues associated with mining claims and ensure that the proposals address these concerns.

On 27 September 2023, the department released a consultation paper titled 'Legislative enhancements to mining claims'. Draft legislation was also publicly released on 8 November 2023, which reflected the proposed changes in the consultation paper. The consultation period on the paper and draft legislation closed on 8 December 2023. This consultation process followed on from previous consultation processes undertaken on small-scale mining reform, including during development of the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan and the subsequent release of a discussion paper for public comment from 10 November 2022 to 24 February 2023.

Any proposed changes to the regulatory framework for mining claims will continue to be assessed in accordance with the Queensland Government's regulatory assessment guidelines. These guidelines can be found at: [www.treasury.qld.gov.au/queenslands-economy/office-of-productivity-and-red-tape-reduction/regulatory-review/regulatory-review-process](http://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/queenslands-economy/office-of-productivity-and-red-tape-reduction/regulatory-review/regulatory-review-process)