



Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development
Name of the proposal	<i>Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<p>Subordinate legislation made under the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Geothermal Energy Act 2010</i> • <i>Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2009</i> • <i>Land Court Act 2000</i> • <i>Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014</i> • <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> • <i>Petroleum Act 1923</i> • <i>Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004</i> • <i>State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999</i>
Date of issue	19 May 2025

For proposals noted in table below

No further analysis is required.

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>The following regulatory proposals are minor and machinery in nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consequential amendments as a result of the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024</i> to update references to section numbers; • Correction of technical errors that will not result in a change from the originally intended effect of the legislation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replacing a dollar sign with fee units in relation to annual rent prescribed under the <i>Geothermal Energy Regulation 2022</i> and replacing fee units with a dollar sign in relation to security prescribed under the <i>Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulation 2021</i>. These corrections will ensure annual rent and security amounts are prescribed consistently across the resource regulations and annual rent is indexed annually in line with the whole of government policy for fees and charges. There is no change to the monetary amounts as part of these corrections. ○ Amending incorrect wording or referencing and reflecting current drafting practices in the <i>Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulation 2021</i>, the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Regulation 2016</i>, the <i>Mineral</i>



	<i>Resources Regulation 2013 and the Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017.</i>
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	<p>The following proposals do not require regulatory impact analysis under the Better Regulation Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a rent deferral framework in the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Regulation 2016</i> to support the resources industry and respond to exceptional circumstances (e.g., natural disasters or pandemics) by deferring rent arrangements. Removing the ability to issue a penalty infringement notice for a minor fossicking offence under the <i>State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014</i>. <p>The rent deferral framework will allow the Minister to respond to exceptional circumstances that impact resource authorities by declaring a deferrable hardship area to defer rent for 12 months. It will not change the amount of rent that is required to be paid by resource authority holders. However, it will provide an extension for when rent must be paid to support resource authority holders in times of hardship.</p> <p>No regulatory impact analysis is required as this proposal reduces the regulatory burden for industry in times of hardship. There is no increase in costs or expected adverse impacts to industry or the community as a result of the rent deferral framework.</p> <p>The removal of fossicking offence, section 27(4) of the <i>Fossicking Act 1994</i>, from Schedule 1 of the <i>State Penalties and Enforcement Regulation 2014</i> is deregulatory, as the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development will no longer be able to issue a penalty infringement notice for this offence. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development has never issued a penalty infringement notice or taken other compliance action for this offence. There are no increased costs or expected adverse impacts to industry or the community as a result of this amendment and therefore, no regulatory impact analysis is required.</p>

*Refer to [The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy](#) for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

Signed

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