

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development
Name of the proposal	Amendments to implement the outcomes of the Review of the Queensland Resources Safety and Health Regulatory Model
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Resources Safety and Health Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Date of issue	27 / 02 / 2026

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	<p>This proposal seeks to establish a governance structure to oversee Resources Safety and Health Queensland (RSHQ) and improve its strategic direction, transparency, and operational efficiency. It relates to the internal management of the public sector, and no regulatory assessment is required under the Better Regulation Policy.</p> <p>The proposed change will replace the existing dual governance model, comprising the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the independent Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health, with a single-tier structure in which RSHQ reports through a governing board to the Minister. Establishing the board will strengthen strategic oversight, accountability, and independence in the performance of RSHQ's regulatory functions, while consolidating the advisory and performance monitoring functions undertaken by the Commissioner. The Commissioner's role will cease, with its key statutory functions to be transferred to and performed through the governing board. The proposal will create a clear line of governance between the Minister, the board, and the CEO, ensuring more transparent decision-making and stronger alignment with contemporary public sector and regulatory practice. The regulatory policy provides for the establishment of this governance structure under the <i>Resources Safety and Health Queensland Act 2020</i>.</p> <p>Complimentary recommendations focus on business improvements within RSHQ. These changes are administrative in nature and do not increase regulatory requirements or impose new costs on government, industry, or the community. The governing board will be funded through the existing industry levy that finances RSHQ.</p>

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