

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Natural Resources, and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development
Name of the proposal	Procedural and administrative amendments to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>
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
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>The amendments proposed to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> (MRA) to provide operational clarity and regulatory efficiency. There are no new policy impacts for industry, government or the community. The amendments aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clarify the continuation provisions, to ensure that a mining tenement may lawfully continue after its expiry until a decision is made on a properly made renewal application without the requirement of strict compliance with payment of fees or the MRA. The current provisions are inoperable and require clarification in order to function as intended.2. Update the requirements to provide a map when lodging an application and replace it with the requirement to provide spatial data.3. Provide an express procedural fairness process to apply before a decision is made to cancel a mining tenement for non-payment of rent. This process is currently undertaken administratively, and the amendment provides a legislative show cause process consistent with other contraventions of the MRA.4. Remove the approval process for seeking a shorter lodgement period for renewal applications, which is redundant as it creates unnecessary administrative steps and limits flexibility for applicants. <p>There are no anticipated cost implications in progressing these amendments.</p>

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