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Dear Mr Woodyatt

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the *Leading Practice Mining Acts Review Mining Act 1971 and Regulations*.

The Australian Government remains committed to reducing regulatory burden for business whilst maintaining high environmental standards. In the environment portfolio, this has been delivered through the One-Stop-Shop reforms which included a new assessment bilateral agreement (the bilateral agreement) between the Australian and South Australian governments. The *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* is currently accredited under the bilateral agreement.

Any changes to the current environmental assessment arrangements in South Australia that are recognised under the bilateral agreement are likely to impact the Commonwealth accreditation of this agreement. Should the leading practice review result in changes to the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* and/or its regulations, I encourage the Department of State Development to discuss these changes with the Department so that the implications (if any) for accreditation of the bilateral agreement can be considered and worked through prior to implementation. I also note that the South Australian Government is in the process of reviewing the *Development Act 1993 (SA)*. As changes to that Act may also impact the accreditation of the bilateral agreement, it would be most practical if any amendments to both SA Acts were implemented at the same time, to allow the bilateral agreement to be updated on one occasion.

For any additional comment please contact Mr Denis Snowdon, Director, Project Assessments West Section, either by email at denis.snowdon@environment.gov.au, or telephone at 02 6274 1652.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on these important reforms.

Yours sincerely

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