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My opinion from being in the mining/exploration industry for ~40 years, including working for the mines dept, is real and represents personal experience.

1. The first question requiring an answer is whether SA actually wants a mining industry, currently it is fading away.
2. Another question is DSD's role which currently is decidedly anti mining
3. Staffing of DSD with young graduates who have no worldly experience or mineral industry experience at any level needs addressing as commonsense has gone. This is a specialist field and is not recognised as such.
4. Legislation of any sort creates distrust as everyone knows government cannot be trusted and that includes all levels from politicians down to local government.
5. Time means nothing to DSD or in fact any government department. No one will invest with the current system in place.
6. This industry exists at many levels from the BHP's to small sand pits or quarries but DSD's legislation treats all equally. This needs seriously addressing.
7. DSD currently treats the individuals and small companies with contempt. They are not wanted. However tradition shows that small enterprises can get big but not in SA.

I hope any legislation changes are made for the good of the remnant industry, this state, and not for the good of DSD's staff.

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