



Leading Practice Review of South Australia's mining laws

We are encouraging all South Australians to provide input into a review of the laws that guide the development of our State's mineral resources industry.

This is your opportunity to contribute to shaping the future of our mineral resources and quarrying industries and have your say on improvements to our framework of mining laws.

South Australia has an international reputation for providing a transparent, thorough and rigorous assessment process for the mining industry but it is vital that we continuously improve and review our regulatory environment.

The Mineral Resources Division has commenced the Leading Practice Mining Acts Review of the *Mining Act 1971*, the *Mines and Works Inspection Act 1920* and the *Opal Mining Act 1995*.

This review will allow for the modernisation of these laws to ensure South Australia stays a leader in adopting modern and efficient practices for exploration and mining activities.



The review of the South Australia's mining laws will seek to:

-  1. **bring forward the economic and social benefits of the State's mineral wealth for citizens, landowners, traditional owners, mining communities and miners**
-  2. **grow South Australian businesses and drive increased investment and employment by abolishing obsolete and cumbersome legislative processes in concert with the Premier's *Simplify* red-tape reduction initiative**
-  3. **strengthen the South Australian 'One Stop Shop' model for the assessment of mineral resource developments**
-  4. **promote more efficient and innovative mining operations in South Australia by providing clear pathways for mid-project changes to operations**
-  5. **establish South Australia as a leading e-business practitioner in the world's rapidly evolving digital economy**
-  6. **further improve transparency and land access engagement, negotiation and court resolution processes**
-  7. **implement flexible financial assurance models that increase community confidence in mine closure and environmental rehabilitation performance and outcomes**
-  8. **reinforce the existing leading practice environmental protections offered under the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)***

We welcome all industry, traditional and other landowners, regional communities and stakeholders to contribute throughout what will be an extensive consultation process.

Ahead of the preparation of a series of Discussion Papers and a call for formal submissions on the papers via the YourSAy website, all stakeholders are invited to make any initial comments on the review via email to DSD.miningactreview@sa.gov.au.

We are currently aiming to release the Discussion Papers in late-October 2016.

