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Hi

Email that I sent to everyone includes both words

Cheers
Kate

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Subject: Cancellation of SSHR and SSE meeting - 27 June 2019

Good morning

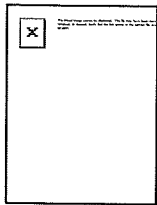
Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, we are now in a position that we need to postpone the proposed meetings 27 June 2019. I do apologise for the late cancellation, however, the circumstances for the cancellation were unforeseen and unavoidable. Once we have a confirmed date for the postponed meeting, I shall advise.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Geoff Beare on 07 3199 7402.

Regards

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Kate



Kate du Preez

Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health

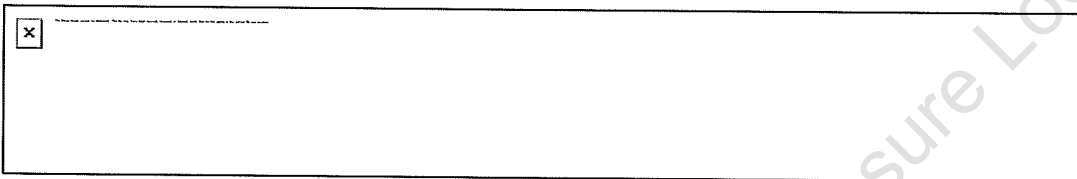
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Hi Jan

Kate has asked me to send you a copy of her speaking notes for the forum this afternoon (attached).

Please let me know if there are any changes required.

Thank you



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Good afternoon everyone.

Firstly thank you for coming today at such short notice. It is very rare for all of the leaders from the whole industry coal, mineral, quarries, contractors, both the mine and quarry and coal advisory committees, union and inspectorate in the same room at the same time. It demonstrates the level of commitment of our industry, to drop everything for the safety of our industry.

Resources is one of the most important industries in Queensland. It has seen the state develop a world-class industry. Our society is reliant on its products and the contribution the industry makes to the economy.

That matters. This industry matters. And the people who work in it matter too. So we need to make sure that we look after them.

So before we begin, I think it is vital that we all take 5 to reflect on the reason for this meeting.

We have all read the headlines, MINE SAFETY CRISIS, ANOTHER MINING FATALITY, QLD TO HOLD CRISIS TALKS FOLLOWING LATEST TRAGIC INCIDENT, CALL FOR A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY. It has been the story of the day for the past fortnight and with very good reason.

While you may all come from geographically and operationally diverse businesses, with site specific hazards, it is important to note that there are common threads.

- 1) The recent number of fatalities and serious incidents that we have seen are concerning because they involve identified hazards with existing critical controls.

- 2) These incidents could have happened at any one of your sites, be it a coal mine, mineral mine, or quarry. Underground or surface.
- 3) While the circumstances of these incidents are still under investigation, early findings show that there were failures in basic safety measures and protections, including maintenance of machinery and equipment, circumvention of guards and safety measures, and a failure to isolate equipment before performing maintenance work. Mining safety 101.
- 4) Quite frankly, they should not have occurred.
- 5) In addition, the industry has seen an upwards trend in the number of serious accidents which have occurred over the last few years.
- 6) In many serious incidents, there seems to be a reliance on low level controls and previous near misses and warnings appear to be going ignored—a normalisation of risky behaviour and shortcuts seems to be occurring.

So what is our objective today?

To workshop and come up with agreed committed industry solutions to four topics:

1) Industry short-term plan

What is the industry going to agree to and commit to right now to reset safety in our mining industry? These short-term goals will set the immediate direction and provide a way forward for everyone, from the face up to the board room. They will also provide a unified and urgent industry message about safety.

2) Long-term plan

We also need to talk about what we can do over the longer term.

What changes to our systems are necessary? Looking at where the industry is now and where we want be in next three years and how are we going to get there. Do we have access to the right data and is that data collected and analysed in a meaningful way?

3) Safety culture

We must also talk about our industry's safety culture. Have we got it right?

Has something changed over the last 18 months to cause this increase in incidents and fatalities?

Has the concept of zero harm become an unachievable goal? Have people disconnected from the safety message?

What I know is that Queensland has some of the best processes/systems in the world but we are still working with people. Have we gone too complex? Do we need to get back to basics?

Are workers empowered to speak up when they have concerns about safety issues? Have we cultivated a reporting culture with no fear of blame?

4) What can the government do?

One of the strengths of the current regulatory framework is that tripartite collaboration is enshrined in the legislation. This cooperation has been critical in providing the best solutions and in ensuring that our laws and regulations are responsive and contemporary.

So, what can the government do to enhance this and use this collaborative environment to better protect people on our mine sites?

In closing, I would again like to thank you all for attending today. I have always believed that the industry has the skills and competencies to solve its own problems. As an industry, we need to take control and reset on safety, because if we don't other people will.

Thank you.

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Hi Jan

Ross Greenwood, Business Editor for Channel 9, wants to speak to Kate in relation to the fatalities and the Mining Advisory Committees for his radio show on 4BC.

His number is Sch4 - Personal

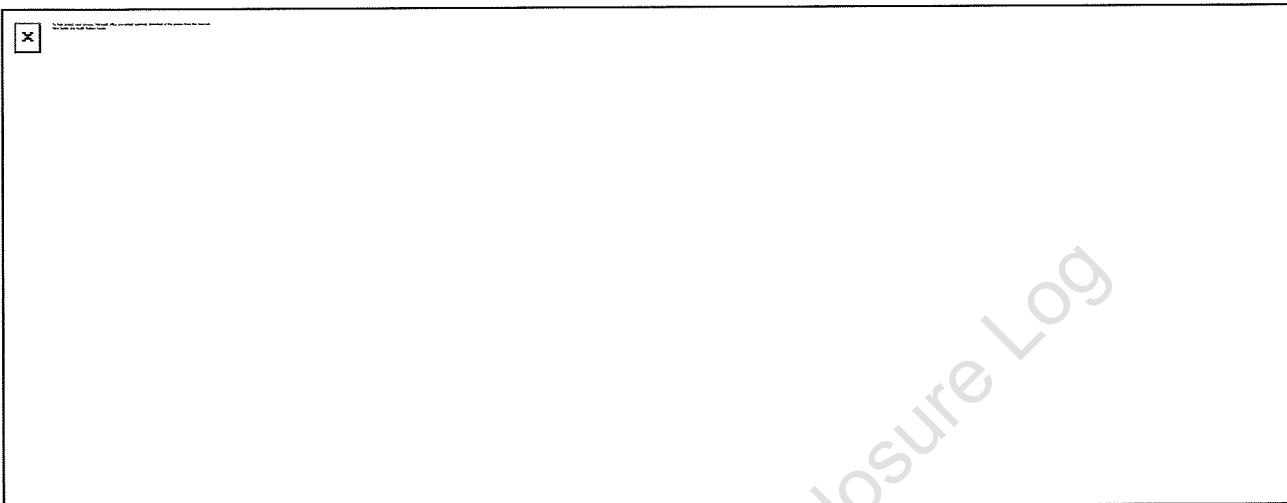


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From the Commissioner



Welcome to the fourth edition of *Mine safety and health matters*. This edition marks 12 months since I started publishing *Mine safety and health matters* and I hope it has developed into a relevant and useful resource.

Inside you will find information about my report on the Queensland Mines Inspectorate's performance for 2017–18, mining industry training programs and investigations into serious incidents and fatalities.

If you have any feedback about this newsletter, or mining and quarrying safety and health in general, please feel free to contact me at Commissioner.MSH@dnrme.qld.gov.au and let me know what you think.

Kate du Preez

Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health

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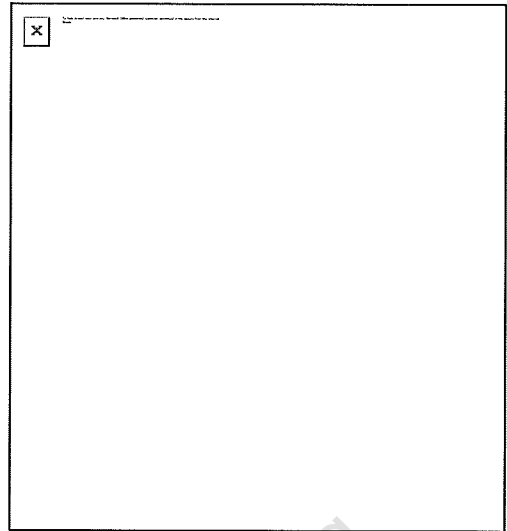
Four fatalities in six months a wake-up call for industry

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It is with great sadness that the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health Kate du Preez advises that Queensland's mining and quarrying industry has experienced four fatalities in less than six months.

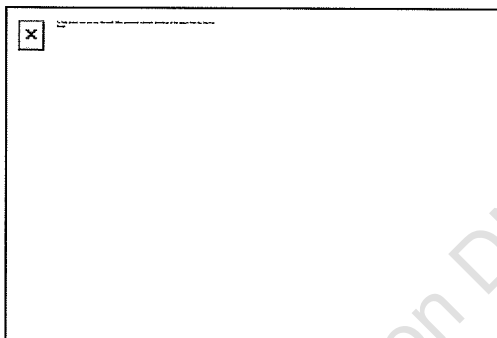
"My deepest and most heartfelt sympathies go out to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased miners" Kate said.

"While the Queensland mining and quarrying fatality rate is low compared to other industries and jurisdictions, the recent number of fatalities is concerning because they all involve identified hazards with well-known critical controls."



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Improvements allow faster identification of dust diseases



Over the last few years, significant improvements have been made in how cases of mine dust lung disease are identified in Queensland, allowing for earlier diagnosis of disease and for preventive action to be taken when cases are identified.

Resources Safety and Health Executive Director Mark Stone said this improved ability to identify those suffering from a mine dust lung disease is the result of the division's focus on implementing a high-quality system for

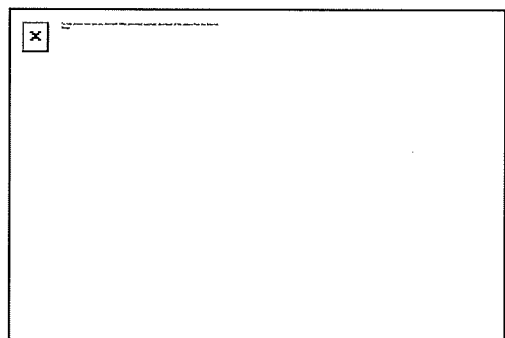
occupational lung disease screening and diagnosis.

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Investigation report into death of coal mine worker published

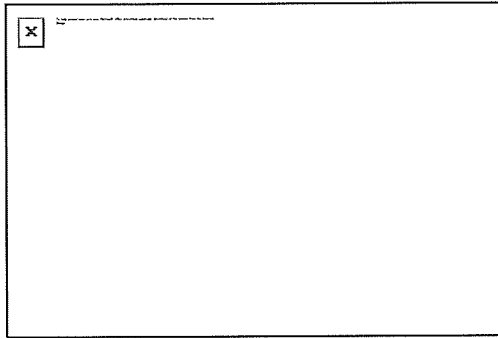
An investigation into the death of a coal mine worker at Goonyella Riverside mine has resulted in a number of recommendations related to conducting maintenance work which involves modifications to the original equipment design.

On 5 August 2017, Independent Mining Services employee Mr Daniel Springer was fatally injured while performing maintenance on the outside of an excavator bucket.



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Annual report tabled in Queensland Parliament



The Queensland Mines Inspectorate implemented a range of reforms to mine safety and health regulation in Queensland in 2017–18 which are aimed at improving safety performance in the mining industry and providing better health outcomes for the state's mining workers.

The progress of these reforms is outlined in the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health's annual report into the performance of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy in regulating mine safety

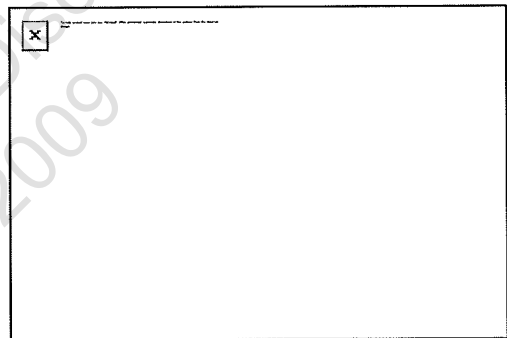
which was tabled recently in the Queensland Parliament.

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First mineral mining and quarrying SSE completes new competencies

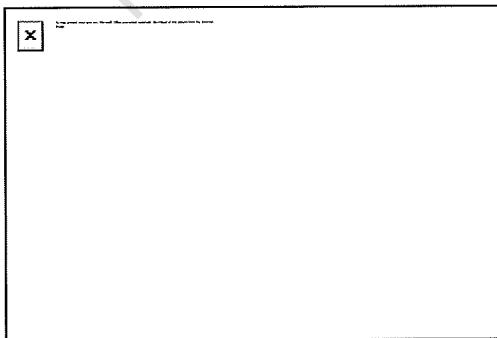
The first person to meet the new site senior executive competency requirements for mineral mines and quarries has been presented with his notice of achievement at a special event hosted by the Board of Examiners.

Mt Coot-tha Quarry Site Senior Executive Robert Bell completed the competency requirements in December 2018.



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More than 300 graduate from Simtars respirable dust monitoring training



Simtars' training and assessment for respirable dust monitoring program reached a new milestone recently when the 300th person completed the course since January 2017.

The *Assist with workplace monitoring processes* (BSBWHS409) training program is a competency-based training which instructs participants in how to conduct respirable dust sampling and reporting and enhances awareness of the health effects of mine dust lung disease

in Queensland coal mines.

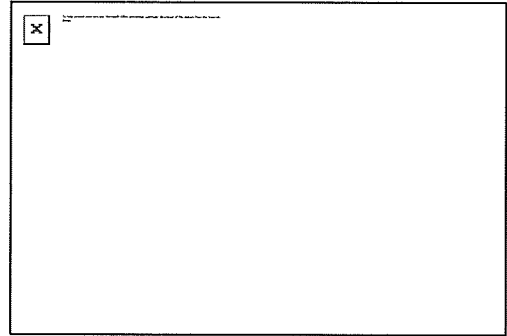
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Safe Work Australia seeking feedback on airborne contaminants review

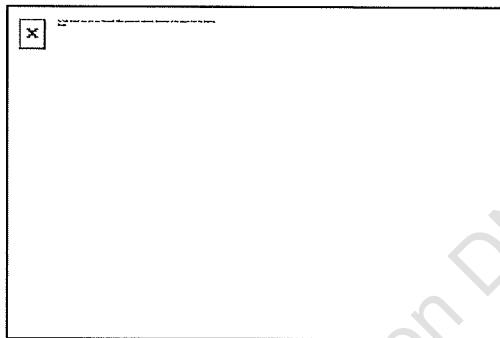
Safe Work Australia is calling for comments and feedback on its proposed recommended values for respirable crystalline silica and respirable coal dust as part of its review of workplace exposure standards for airborne contaminants.

The proposed new standard for respirable crystalline silica has been set at 0.02 mg/m³ (currently 0.1 mg/m³ in Queensland) and the proposed standard for bituminous and lignite coal has been set at 0.9 mg/m³ (currently 2.5 mg/m³ in Queensland).



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Second major tailings dam collapse in Brazil in just over three years



A second catastrophic tailings dam collapse in Brazil in just over three years occurred recently when the dam wall failed at the Córrego de Feijão mine near the town of Brumadinho.

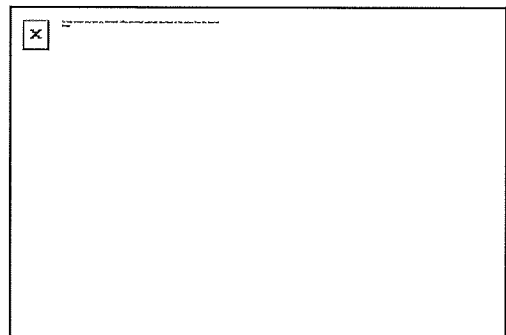
The disaster, which occurred on 25 January, left more than 150 people dead and around 200 people missing and came 38 months after the collapse of the Samarco mine tailings dam in Mariana, Brazil.

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Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee update

The Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee met on 12 December 2018 and 20 March 2019 to discuss a range of issues related to coal mining safety and health legislation and regulation in Queensland.

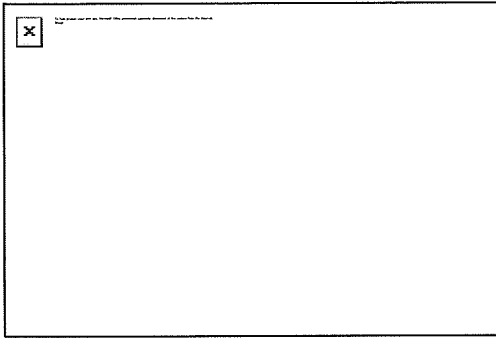
The advisory committee discussed and endorsed three recognised standards, reviewed coal mine dust data and discussed proposed coal mining legislative changes.



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Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee update



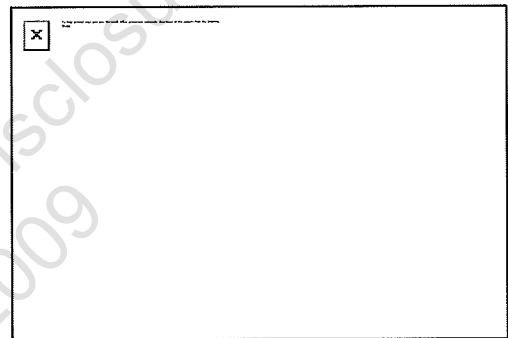
The Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Advisory Committee met on 27 November 2018 and 13 March 2019 to discuss a range of issues related to mining and quarrying safety and health legislation and regulation in Queensland.

The advisory committee reviewed mineral mine and quarry dust data and discussed proposed mining and quarrying legislative changes.

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Tailings talk

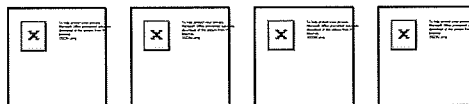
Tailings talk is the place to find interesting and informative news related to the mining and quarrying industry as well as information about the latest safety alerts and bulletins issued by the Queensland Mines Inspectorate.

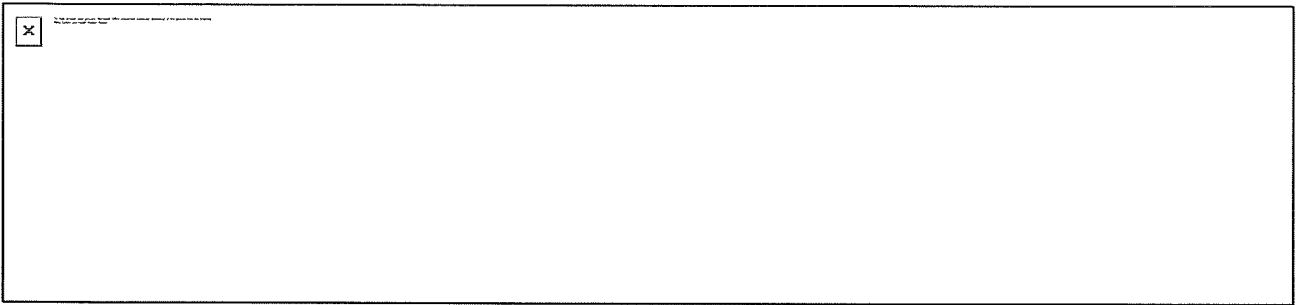


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Subject: MSHAC

5 June 2019, meeting held in Townsville

6 June 2019, site visit to South32's Cannington Mine providing opportunity to talk with mine workers and management about health and safety issues.

Cheers Kate
Sent from Kate's iPhone

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Will this cover it ?

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Focus continues on mine and quarry safety

The comprehensive response continues to the unacceptable rate of death and injury among Queensland's mine and quarry workers.

Today, Queensland's two independent mine safety and health advisory committees met together and agreed to:

- support the delivery of the two independent reviews underway into fatalities and the state's mining health and safety legislation
- support the state wide safety reset for all mine and quarry workers committed to yesterday by companies and unions

The two committees – one for coal mining and one for metalliferous mining – will also increase their focus on fatal risks.

The committees include members from employers, unions and government and are chaired by the state's independent Mining Health and Safety Commissioner. Most of them attended yesterday's safety forum, representing their companies and unions.

Dr Lynham also addressed the joint committee meeting this morning.

The committees also acknowledged the contribution of retiring members.

[ENDS]

From: Jan Martin
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 11:28 AM
To: STONE Mark; DU PREEZ Kate
Cc: Stephanie Kameric
Subject: Proposed statement

Hi team

This is what we are proposing to issue re this morning's meeting. Has been signed off all round but the Min would like the committee members to be OK with it. Pls advise.

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The comprehensive response continues to the unacceptable rate of death and injury among Queensland's mine and quarry workers.

Today, Queensland's two independent mine safety and health advisory committees met together to consider long-term actions following yesterday's mine safety forum in Brisbane.

The safety forum committed to immediate and short-term measures, including a statewide safety reset for all mine and quarry workers.

It also identified longer-term issues, which the two committees – one for coal mining and one for metalliferous mining – will focus on and provide advice to me.

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Hi Theo

No release. Sometime over the next two weeks of Parly sittings the Minister should get an opportunity to do a mine dust lung disease statement and he'll make reference to these reports.

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The CLLO's office let us know on Monday that tabling was intended for this week.

Let me know if you need any further info.

Thanks



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Mining safety and health reforms lead to improved performance

The implementation of reforms to mine safety and health regulation in Queensland have led to improved safety performance in the mining industry and better health outcomes for the state's mining workers.

The progress of these reforms is outlined in the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health's annual report into the performance of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy in regulating mine safety which was tabled in the Queensland Parliament today.

Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health Kate du Preez said the department and the industry had undergone extensive reforms and both had shown considerable character and a strong commitment to recognising the deficiencies that led to the re-identification of mine dust lung diseases in Queensland.

"In a relatively short period of time, both the department and the industry have implemented substantial programs of work that have resulted in a world class system that detects signs of disease early and provides a safety net for Queensland coal mine workers," Mrs du Preez said.

"This includes completing the implementation of all 18 recommendations of the review of the respiratory component of the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme by Monash University and making significant progress in addressing the recommendations of the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Select Committee.

"The industry has also reduced dust exposure levels to well below the mandated occupational exposure limits.

"At the same time, the inspectorate has focussed on the management of methane gas at underground coal mines, proactively address the challenges associated with exposure to diesel particulate matter, and published guidance notes on fall prevention and collision prevention for mineral mines and quarries."

Mrs du Preez said a number of legislative reforms had been progressed which would provide stronger and clearer powers for the regulator.

"These reforms will improve the ability of mines inspectors to carry out their jobs and allow the department to continue to improve the quality of the Coal Mine Workers Health Scheme.

The Commissioner's *Annual performance report 2017–18* was tabled in the Queensland Parliament today, alongside the annual reports for the two mining safety and health advisory committees.

Copies of the reports are available at:

- [Commissioner's report](#)
- [Advisory committee reports](#).

More information about the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health and the mining advisory committees is available from [Business Queensland](#).

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The Commissioner will mention that they have been tabled in her quarterly newsletter which is due this month



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Hi Jan

Here are the copies of the three annual reports (Commissioner's report, MSHAC, CMSHAC).

I have a draft release which I wrote for Kate (attached).

The CLLO's office let us know on Monday that tabling was intended for this week.

Let me know if you need any further info.

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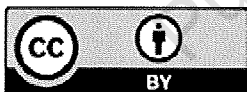
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FROM THE CHAIR

The Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee has played a significant role in 2017–18 in protecting the safety and health of mine and quarry workers. Committee members have worked tirelessly to provide professional and informed advice to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and this hard work is illustrated by the activities and achievements outlined in this report.

Due to the number of emergent issues that arose this year, the advisory committee met eight times in total. This is significantly more frequent than the statutory requirement to meet twice a year and illustrates the genuine commitment of all members to improving mining and quarrying safety and health in Queensland.

I have always maintained that one of the significant strengths of Queensland's mining safety and health legislative environment is its consultative approach. The tripartite nature of the advisory committee ensures that the views of all stakeholders are equally represented and all parties are able to come together on equal footing to provide advice that is in the best interests of mine and quarry workers and the industry as a whole. The diverse, complex and often robust discussions that the advisory committee has had over the past 12 months give me confidence that the industry has the expertise and the willingness to continue to protect mine and quarry workers in Queensland.

The committee's priorities for 2018–19 are to:

- continue to review the effectiveness of the suite of legislation and move to address those areas where it is found to be less effective
- review the effectiveness of the controls in place to limit the risks to people from mining and quarrying
- provide advice regarding proposed amendments to the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* and associated Regulation
- provide advice regarding current and future guidelines for the mining and quarrying industry
- ensure competencies for the mining and quarrying industry are up to date and relevant to the current industry situation

- work closely with the department on key actions and strategies on the management of respirable crystalline silica, fatigue, lead, and wheels, rims and tyres
- monitor respirable crystalline silica results by reviewing the industry's quarterly respirable dust data
- work closely with the department to assess the impact of intoxicants on mine workers and evaluate strategies to overcome the issues they cause.

Finally, I would like to thank each member of the advisory committee for providing their valuable time and expertise. Advisory committee members are volunteers who donate their time and expertise due to their desire to see a safer and healthier mining and quarrying industry.



Kate du Preez
Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health



BACKGROUND

The Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee is established under part 6 of the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*.

An annual report on the committee's operations must be prepared by the chair as soon as practicable, but within four

months, after the end of each financial year and given to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. The Minister must table the report in the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The primary function of the committee is to give advice and make recommendations to the Minister about promoting and protecting the safety and health of people at mines and quarries.

The committee must discharge its function by periodically reviewing the effectiveness of:

- the Act, regulations and guidelines
- the control of risk to any person from mining and quarrying operations.

In periodically reviewing effectiveness, the committee must have regard to:

- the risk management performance of the mining and quarrying industry
- the appropriateness of guidelines
- education, training and standards of competency within the mining and quarrying industry
- the implementation of recommendations from inspectors' investigations, coroners' inquests, boards of inquiry and other sources
- the promotion of community knowledge and awareness of safety and health in the mining and quarrying industry
- any other matter referred to it by the Minister.

The committee also has the functions of:

- establishing, recognising and publishing the competencies accepted by it as qualifying a person to perform the stated tasks, and the safety and health competencies required to perform the duties of a person under the Act
- making recommendations about individuals nominated to be district workers' representatives, if asked by the Minister.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee consists of nine members and three substitute members representing the Queensland Government, mine and quarry workers, and mine and quarry operators who are nominated to, and appointed by, the Minister. The chair of the committee is the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health. Members are appointed for terms of up to three years and there is no limit to the number of terms members can serve.

The committee includes members from the Australian Workers' Union (AWU), Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia (CCAA), Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME). There is currently a workers' representative vacancy on the committee that has traditionally been filled by the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union (AMWU). The Commissioner has been working with unions to make a recommendation to the Minister to fill this vacancy.

Table 1: Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee members for 2017–18

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF MEETINGS
Kate du Preez	Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health	Independent chair	8
Stephen Carson	Workers' representative	AWU	8
Julie Devine	Queensland Government representative	DNRME	8
Grant Egginton	Operators' representative	QRC	4
Phil Goode ¹	Queensland Government representative	DNRME	2
Gavin Lawrence	Workers' representative	AWU	8
Luca Rocchi ²	Queensland Government representative	DNRME	5
Russel Wilson	Operators' representative	CCAA	8
Maryann Wipaki	Operators' representative	QRC	7

¹ Phil Goode resigned from the advisory committee on 29 September 2017.

² Luca Rocchi was officially appointed to the advisory committee 1 June 2018 but attended advisory committee meetings from the time of his appointment as Chief Inspector of Mines (Mineral Mines and Quarries) as an invitee of the advisory committee.

Substitute members

Three substitute members were appointed to stand in when members are not available.

Table 2: Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee substitute members for 2017–18

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF MEETINGS
Peter Ambrose	Operators' representative	CCAA	0
Simon Delander	Operators' representative	QRC	7
Eric Bouchardt	Workers' representative	AWU	0

MEETINGS HELD

The committee held eight meetings in 2017–18.

Table 3: Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee meetings in 2017–18

MEETING NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION
Board of Examiners nominations	20 July 2017	Teleconference—extraordinary
52	14 September 2017	Petrie
53	24 October 2017	Brisbane—extraordinary
54	5 December 2017	Brisbane
55	20 February 2018	Brisbane—extraordinary
56	7 March 2018	Mt Isa
57	20 April 2018	Brisbane—extraordinary
58	6 Jun 2018	Brisbane

The teleconference held on 20 July 2017 was to provide advice to the Minister regarding nominees for vacancies on the Board of Examiners.

Two of the meetings were regional meetings providing opportunities for the advisory committee to visit a quarry and a mineral mine. Members were able to speak to mine operators and workers and lift the profile of the advisory committee.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee achieves its primary function by:

- reviewing the effectiveness of the legislation (Act, Regulations and guidelines)
- reviewing the effectiveness of the control of risk to any person from mining and quarrying operations
- recognising, establishing and publishing
 - the competencies qualifying a person to perform stated tasks
 - the safety and health competencies required to perform the duties of a person under the Act.

Review the effectiveness of the legislation

In reviewing the effectiveness of the mining and quarrying safety and health legislation, the committee examines the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*, the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017*³ and the suite of Queensland Guidelines published under the Regulation.

The advisory committee maintains a good working relationship with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and will continue to identify amendments that are essential to the effectiveness of the suite of legislation.

Review of the Act, Regulation and guidelines

In 2017–18, the committee continued its review of the full suite of mining and quarrying safety and health legislation in accordance with the Act. The review aims to advise the Minister on the effectiveness of the Act, Regulation and guidelines, and the control of any risk to any person from mining operations.

As part of the review, the committee is considering:

- the risk management performance of the mineral mining and quarry industry
- the appropriateness of the guidelines
- education, training and standards of competency within the mineral mining and quarrying industries
- the implementation of recommendations from investigations conducted by mines inspectors, inquests by the Coroners Court of Queensland, boards of inquiry and other sources
- the promotion of community knowledge and awareness of safety in the mineral mining and quarrying industries
- any other matter referred to it by the Minister.

In 2017–18, the advisory committee considered a suite of issues identified by mines inspectors as a result of their compliance activity, inspections, investigations into fatalities and high potential incidents, and interactions with mine and quarry workers and managers. The Queensland Mines Inspectorate advised that, if addressed, these enhancements would improve the effectiveness of the legislation.

The review will continue in 2018–19 and the issues identified by the inspectors will be further developed into a package of proposals to the Minister to improve the effectiveness of the legislation.

³ This Regulation replaced the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2001* on 1 September 2017



Amendments to the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999

The advisory committee analysed and provided advice regarding 36 proposed amendments to the Act that were under consideration by the Queensland Parliament.

These amendments were originally contained in the Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2017 which lapsed following the announcement of the November 2017 Queensland election.

Subsequently on 20 March 2018, the Minister tabled the Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2018 that included: a proposal to mandate a requirement for an underground mine ventilation officer; continuing professional development; administrative penalties; officer obligations; and the notification of diseases. This Bill included a number of amendments that resulted from the committee's advice.

Remake of the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2001

In 2017, the department undertook a policy-neutral review of the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2001. This review was necessary as a preface to remaking the Regulation before it automatically expired on 31 August 2017. Issues identified included transitional changes, inaccurate and out of date Australian Standard references, and references to a number of bodies that had been renamed.

The advisory committee noted the need to remake the Regulation, but expressed concerns with the short timeframe provided by the department. This short timeframe severely limited the advisory committee's ability to thoroughly identify drafting errors and to explore the flow-on impact of proposed amendments and their impact on the industry.

The Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017 came into effect on 1 September 2017 replacing the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2001.

Development of new Queensland Guidelines and guidance notes

The advisory committee worked closely with the department on the development of a new Queensland Guideline relating to the management of respirable crystalline silica. *QGLo2 Guideline for management of respirable crystalline silica in Queensland mineral mines and quarries* was published in August 2017.

This guideline was developed to help mine site senior executives identify the key operational areas of respirable dust generation, and to assist with managing the risk of exposure to respirable dust. This also includes validation of the effectiveness of the controls and implementation of corrective actions if controls have been found to be ineffective.

The committee also worked closely with the department on guidance notes for the management of tyres, wheels and rims; fall prevention; collision prevention; shaft construction; and surface tailings storage facility management.

Review of guideline for the management of respirable crystalline silica

In 2017–18, the advisory committee supported the department's post implementation review of *QGLo2 Guideline for the management of respirable crystalline silica in Queensland mineral mines and quarries*.

As part of the review, the department made a recommendation to the advisory committee that a competency for sampling respirable dust should be incorporated into the list of approved mining and quarrying competencies.

The advisory committee considered this recommendation and approved a new competency requiring people sampling for respirable dust in mineral mines and quarries to meet specific training requirements in accordance with competency 11 in the table of competencies.

A number of minor wording changes were also made to the guideline to address clarity issues that were identified in the review.

Review the effectiveness of the control of risk to any person

In reviewing the effectiveness of the control of risk to any person from mining and quarrying operations, the committee provided independent advice to the Minister about:

- the implications of the Monash University Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health review for mineral mines and quarries
- the proposed implementation of initiatives to address the risks of respirable crystalline silica
- the specific risks to people related to lead mining
- Safe Work Australia's review of the workplace exposure levels of around 700 respirable airborne contaminants
- the results from a respirable crystalline silica workshop.

The committee also worked with, or provided advice to, the department about initiatives to address the recommendations of the Monash review, the Act and Regulation, and guidelines, guidance notes and safety bulletins.

Development of new guidance notes

The committee worked closely with the department on the development of a range of guidance notes. The advisory committee assisted the department by checking technical content, providing quality assurance and ensuring that adequate industry consultation was undertaken.

In 2017–18, the advisory committee endorsed the release of the following guidance notes.

Falls and fall prevention (QGN28)

This guidance note provides advice on how to recognise the range of fall hazards and what actions and controls are necessary—with reference to people, machinery and materials or tools falling from height—to manage risk effectively.

Surface storage facility (tailings dams) management (QGN29)

This guidance note summarises and provides information to mine management on basic risk-based precautions and concepts to ensure the safety of tailings storage facilities

for surface mine sites. It does not offer advice on tailings disposal or placement into underground mines.

A particular emphasis of this guidance note is to raise basic awareness of tailings storage facilities management and to provide inspection prompts to assist mine management in keeping their assets safe. It also provides mine management with better awareness of tailings storage facilities management generally and how to better interpret third party reports.

In recommending this guidance note be released, the advisory committee noted the difficulty associated with locating a registered training organisation that offers certified training in particular tailings dam-related competencies. As a result, the competencies associated with this guidance note have not yet commenced.

Collision prevention (QGN27)

This guidance note assists in the identification of hazards, and the development and implementation of controls, to manage the risk to people from collisions. This includes collisions between vehicles, vehicles and people, and vehicles and infrastructure. Given the prevalence of vehicle-related high potential incidents, the prevention of such collisions is a high priority for mine management.

Shaft construction (QGN30)

This three-part guidance note provides information to mineral mining operations on how to systematically manage shaft construction risks to ensure compliance with the legislative framework. It seeks to eliminate or minimise risks associated with shaft sinking winders, winding systems, and associated shaft sink processes and practices.

QGN30.1—Part 1 sets out a risk management approach and the minimum requirements for developing a shaft construction management plan and its inclusion in the overall safety and health management system for the mine.

QGN30.2—Part 2 provides guidance and instruction to the site senior executive and those involved in the engineering design of shaft sinking and proposed winding equipment.

QGN30.3—Part 3 provides guidance and instruction on shaft sink operations and covers pre-sink activities and main sink set-up—installation, commissioning and testing the operation of winding systems, main sink, mucking systems, support installation and equipping shaft lining, and maintenance and decommissioning of the winding system.

Discussion paper—Options for resources safety and health regulator models in Queensland

In November 2017, the Minister established a project management office to advise him on how the Queensland Government might best achieve the intent of a number

of the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Select Committee's recommendations relating to the management of resources safety and health.

In May 2018, the advisory committee provided detailed advice to the Minister in relation to the *Options for resources safety and health regulator models in Queensland* discussion paper produced by the project management office.



Members of the Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee with the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy at the Miners Memorial Service 2018.

L-R: Back row—Gavin Lawrence (AWU), Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health Kate du Preez, Stephen Carson (AWU), Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy Hon Dr Anthony Lynham, Chief Inspector of Mines (Mineral Mines and Quarries) Luca Rocchi, Russel Wilson (CCAA), Simon Delander (QRC). Front row—Julie Devine (DNRME), Resources Safety and Health Executive Director Mark Stone.

Recognising, establishing and publishing competencies

The advisory committee is responsible for recognising, establishing and publishing the competencies qualifying a person to perform the duties of a mining and quarrying statutory position under the Act.

The advisory committee maintains a list of approved competencies which is published on the Queensland Government's Business Queensland website. This list is periodically updated to ensure that people in mining and quarrying statutory positions have appropriate skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

In 2017–18, the committee commenced a review of the adequacy of all mineral mining and quarrying competencies. The review was initially focused on quarrying and will move onto large mineral mines in 2018–19. The review will examine competencies in other jurisdictions as part of the process, including Western Australia, New South Wales and South Africa.

During the year, the committee also considered new competencies for:

- site senior executives and supervisors of quarries
- tailings storage facilities.

Before the proposed new competency for tailings storage facilities can be introduced, the committee must ascertain the availability of a suitable training course and organisations that can deliver the recognised competencies. This work is expected to be completed in 2018–19.

Revised competencies for site senior executives and supervisors of quarries

The committee implemented new competencies to replace the existing requirements for site senior executives of quarries and surface mineral mines.

Tiered competencies were developed for sites employing 5 or fewer workers, 6 to 20 workers, and those employing more than 20 workers to ensure competencies are relevant to the size and complexity of operations. This better aligns Queensland's competencies with other Australian states.

On appointment to a statutory role, site senior executives and supervisors have two years to complete the relevant training. In addition, new experience requirements require

a site senior executive to have worked in a mine or quarry before their appointment.

Competencies for people carrying out respirable dust sampling

The advisory committee implemented a new competency for people carrying out respirable dust sampling in mineral mines and quarries in accordance with AS2985.

In developing the competency, the advisory committee recognised the body of work that had been completed by the department in implementing the recommendations of the Monash review. It also recognised that existing registered training courses were of a general nature and did not provide training which was specifically suited to, and of sufficient technical relevance for, mining and quarrying. As a result, the general course does not sufficiently prepare a person to sample for dust in a mining or quarrying environment.

The new competency has added the following specific mining and quarrying related competencies:

- sampling to AS2985—2009 Australian standard: workplace atmospheres—method for sampling and gravimetric determination of respirable dust
- appropriate data to be collected during sampling, including observations
- use and application of real-time monitors
- use and application of an anemometer
- dust observation methods and best practices for underground mines
- dust observation methods and best practices for surface mines.

It was also determined that, in line with the findings of the Monash review in relation to the number of training providers and the need to ensure the quality of training, the committee has followed the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee's lead and limited the training organisations that can deliver these competencies to Simtars and Coal Services NSW.



Ventilation officer competency

A requirement for a ventilation officer is contained within the Mining Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2018 that will be considered by the Queensland Parliament in 2018–19.

As a result, the advisory committee considered the competencies that a ventilation officer may require if the legislation is passed. The committee expects to finalise these considerations in 2018–19 and publish any relevant competencies.

Workshops

In 2017–18, the committee held one workshop on respirable crystalline silica.

Respirable crystalline silica workshop

The Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee held a workshop on respirable crystalline silica on 7 July 2017.

The purpose of the workshop was to explore the epidemiological evidence, current compliance and potential impact of a change in the operational exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica and to identify and provide advice to the Minister about:

- a baseline of current industry practice regarding silica levels
- comparison of national and international jurisdictions
- concerns in errors with current sampling methods and real-time monitoring
- *QGLo2 Guideline for the management of respirable crystalline silica in Queensland mineral mines and quarries*.

The workshop also explored:

- the scientific evidence for a reduction in the occupational exposure limit from the current 0.1 mg/m³ to 0.05 mg/m³
- the level of compliance of mines and quarries to the current occupational exposure limit of 0.1 mg/m³
- the possible issues that the mining and quarrying industry may encounter if there is a reduction in the occupational exposure limit from 0.1 mg/m³ to 0.05 mg/m³.

The workshop was facilitated by the University of Queensland and was attended by 26 representatives including:

- mining operators—including operations managers and occupational hygienists from surface mines, underground mines, quarries and sandstone operations
- industry bodies—Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia, Queensland Resources Council and the Institute of Quarrying Australia
- district workers' representatives/unions—Australian Workers' Union
- Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy occupational hygienists
- inspectors of mines (occupational hygiene)
- Chief Inspector of Mines (Mineral Mines and Quarries)
- Office of the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health.

In preparation for the workshop, 36 mineral mine and quarry operations provided respirable crystalline silica exposure monitoring results covering five years.

The data set of approximately 5416 exposure monitoring results covered a workforce of 8500 workers—62.5 per cent of mineral mines and quarries workers in Queensland.

The workshop considered the following evidence:

- statistical analysis found that 97.2 per cent of workers had mean exposures compliant to an occupational exposure limit of 0.1 mg/m³
- 90 per cent of workers are employed at a site that has a management plan for dust or respirable crystalline silica
- 93 per cent of workers have had their respirable crystalline silica exposure character monitored
- 94 per cent of respirable crystalline silica samples were at or below the occupational exposure limit
- 91 per cent of workers undergo periodic health surveillance.

The working group determined and advised the Minister that, until recently, health surveillance in mineral mines and quarries was not standardised. This was corrected in July 2017 with the publishing of *QGLo2 Guideline for the management of respirable crystalline silica in Queensland mineral mines and quarries*. This guideline prescribed the medical assessment requirements for health surveillance; minimum sample numbers and periodic exposure monitoring

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to quantify worker exposure; and directs mines and quarries to investigate and eliminate overexposure to respirable crystalline silica and minimise exceedances.

Under the guideline, the inspectorate now receives notification of every respirable crystalline silica exceedance at a mineral mine and quarry by exception rather than receiving all exposure monitoring results that are below the occupational exposure limit. The guideline also requires the site senior executive to investigate every exceedance—the investigation must be documented and identify the cause of the exceedance and control measures implemented or taken to prevent any recurrence. The site is also required to apply effective control measures to ensure that workers are not overexposed, such as by using respiratory protective equipment until engineering control measures are implemented and proven to be effective.

Crystalline silica is a component in many types of mineralised and quarried rock extracted at Queensland mineral mines and quarries, and the quantity of silica can vary from site to site. Although there is no international body to establish an accepted occupational exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica, 0.1 mg/m^3 is currently the mining occupational exposure limit in all Australian and most international jurisdictions. Occupational exposure limits established in Australia represent a statutory maximum upper limit, they do not represent a dividing line between healthy and unhealthy working environments.

The working group found that steps to eliminate exposure to respirable crystalline silica, or to minimise exposure to levels well below the exposure standards, must be taken to cater for susceptible individuals, natural biological variations, and mixtures of substances to reduce potential for workers to experience any adverse health effects. It also found that occupational exposure limits must be regularly reviewed to ensure that the level reflects the latest evidence and research. The working group found that any change in the occupational exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica should be informed by empirical evidence established through a review of epidemiological studies.

The working group recognised the current review by Safe Work Australia of around 700 airborne contaminant operational exposure levels. The advisory committee advised the Minister that any change in occupational exposure limits should be linked to this review.

Stakeholder engagement

The advisory committee consulted extensively with mining and quarrying stakeholders, including:

- Safe Work Australia in relation to the respirable airborne contaminants workplace/occupational exposure standards review project and the impacts that may have on workplace exposure standards in Queensland
- the University of Queensland's Dr Jochen Mueller, Dr Jake O'Brien and Professor Kevin Thomas, unions, and mine operators to better understand the risk to people in mining and quarrying operations from drugs and alcohol, and the effectiveness of the Act, Regulation and guidelines in controlling this risk
- the department's Occupational Health Mining Advisory Committee in relation to the role of that committee in supporting the advisory committee regarding mine and quarry worker health standards and issues
- the Queensland Police Service on drug and alcohol testing procedures
- the department's occupational physician Dr Ki Douglas in relation to prescription drugs and their impacts on mine and quarry workers and in the development of a prescription drug information sheet
- the project management office in relation to the Queensland Government discussion paper *Options for resource safety and health regulator models in Queensland*
- the department's mineral mine and quarry inspectors in relation to how the suite of legislation could be more effective
- the department's Explosives Inspectorate in relation to proposed changes to the *Explosives Act 1999* that will impact on mineral mines and quarries.

Expenses incurred

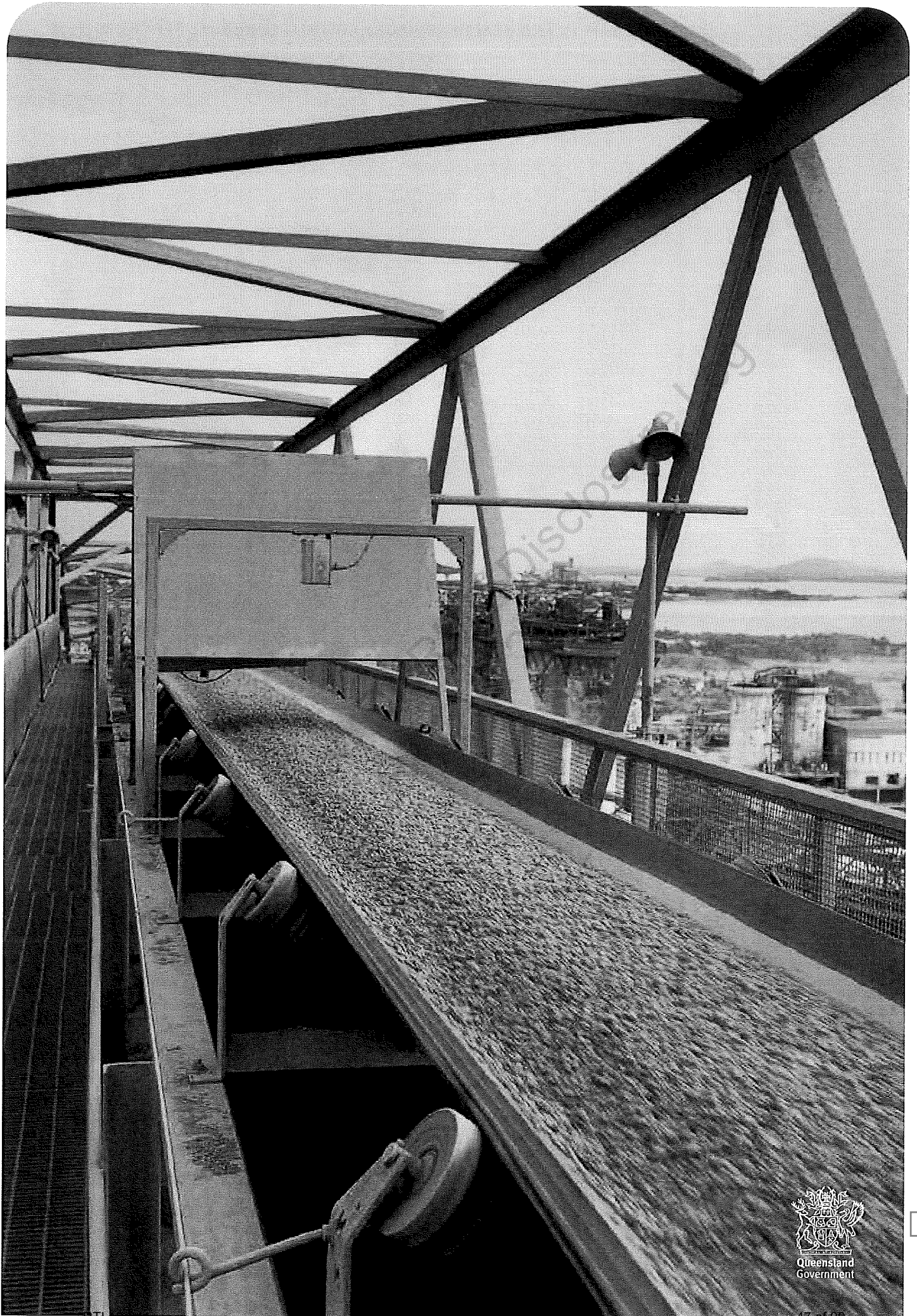
Members of the committee are not entitled to any remuneration other than the reimbursement of reasonable expenses and travel allowances to attend meetings.

The total expenses incurred and claimed by members in 2017–18 was \$3920.90.



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FROM THE CHAIR

The Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee has played a significant role in 2017–18 in protecting the safety and health of mine workers. Committee members have worked tirelessly to provide professional and informed advice to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and this hard work is illustrated by the activities and achievements outlined in this report.

Due to the number of emergent issues that arose this year, the advisory committee met nine times in total. This is significantly more frequent than the statutory requirement to only meet twice a year and illustrates the genuine commitment of all members to improving coal mining safety and health in Queensland. One of the meetings was a non-quorum meeting to provide advice to the Minister in relation to a discussion paper on potential new models for the resources safety and health regulator. The advisory committee also held two working group meetings as part of its project to review the effectiveness of the legislation in accordance with its statutory obligations.

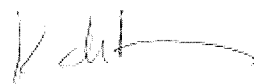
I have always maintained that one of the significant strengths of Queensland's mining safety and health legislative environment is its consultative approach. The tripartite nature of the advisory committee ensures that the views of all stakeholders are equally represented and all parties are able to come together on equal footing to provide advice that is in the best interests of mine workers and the industry as a whole. The diverse, complex and often robust discussions that the advisory committee has had over the past 12 months give me confidence that the industry has the expertise and the willingness to continue to protect coal mine workers in Queensland.

In 2018–19, the advisory committee will continue to focus on:

- reviewing the effectiveness of the suite of legislation
- reviewing the effectiveness of the controls in place to limit the risks to people from coal mining
- providing advice regarding proposed amendments to the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* and associated Regulation

- working closely with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy on key actions and strategies to protect workers from methane, coal dust and diesel particulates
- ensuring competencies for the coal mining industry are up to date and relevant
- monitoring respirable dust results by reviewing the industry's quarterly respirable dust data
- assessing the impact of intoxicants on mine workers and evaluating strategies to overcome the social and health issues they cause
- reviewing and/or updating recognised standards with the advice of its recognised standards sub-committee
- reviewing and providing advice on proposed amendments to the suite of legislation.

Finally, I would like to thank each member of the advisory committee and the recognised standards sub-committee for providing their valuable time and expertise. Advisory committee members are volunteers who donate their time and expertise due to their desire to see a safer and healthier coal mining industry.



Kate du Preez
Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health

BACKGROUND

The Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee is established under part 6 of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*.

An annual report on the committee's operations must be prepared by the chair as soon as practicable, but within four

months, after the end of each financial year and given to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. The Minister must table the report in the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The primary function of the committee is to give advice and make recommendations to the Minister about promoting and protecting the safety and health of people at coal mines.

The committee must discharge its function by periodically reviewing the effectiveness of:

- the Act, regulations and recognised standards
- the control of risk to any person from coal mining operations.

In periodically reviewing effectiveness, the committee must have regard to:

- the risk management performance of the coal mining industry
- the appropriateness of recognised standards
- education, training and standards of competency within the coal mining industry

- the implementation of recommendations from inspectors' investigations, coroners' inquests, boards of inquiry and other sources
- the promotion of community knowledge and awareness of safety and health in the coal mining industry
- any other matter referred to it by the Minister.

The committee also has the function of establishing, recognising and publishing the competencies accepted by it as qualifying a person to perform the stated tasks, and the safety and health competencies required to perform the duties of a person under the Act.

MEMBERSHIP

The advisory committee consists of nine members and four substitute members representing the Queensland Government, mine workers and mine operators. Members are nominated to, and appointed by, the Minister. The chair of the committee is the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health. Members are appointed for terms of up to three years and there is no limit to the number of terms members can serve.

The committee includes members from the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), Electrical Trades Union (ETU), Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME).

Table 1: Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee members for 2017–18

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	
			Quorum	Non-quorum
Kate du Preez	Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health	Independent chair	7	1
Russell Albury	Queensland Government representative	DNRME	5	0
Ian Cribb	Operators' representative	QRC	5	1
Greg Dalliston	Workers' representative	CFMEU	7	1
Shaun Dobson	Queensland Government representative	DNRME	8	0
Glenn Hall ¹	Workers' representative	ETU	1	0
Jim Randall	Operators' representative	QRC	8	1
Stephen Smyth	Workers' representative	CFMEU	5	0

Substitute members

Four substitute members were appointed to stand in when members are not available.

Table 2: Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee substitute members for 2017–18

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	
			Quorum	Non-quorum
Peter Baker	Operators' representative	QRC	6	1
Brett Garland	Operators' representative	QRC	0	0
Jason Hill	Workers' representative	CFMEU	6	0
Stephen Evetts ²	Workers' representative	ETU	5	1

¹ Glenn Hall resigned as ETU workers' representative on 29 September 2017.

² Stephen Evetts has been representing the ETU as a substitute members as a result of the resignation of Glenn Hall on 29 September 2017.

MEETINGS HELD

The committee held eight meetings in 2017–18 and one non-quorum meeting.

Table 3: Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee meetings in 2017–18

MEETING NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION
79	5 July 2017	Brisbane
Board of Examiners nominations	20 July 2017	Teleconference—extraordinary meeting
80	1 September 2017	Brisbane
81	30 October 2017	Brisbane/teleconference—extraordinary meeting
82	29 November 2017	Brisbane
83	19 December 2017	Brisbane—extraordinary meeting
No quorum	26 March 2018	Brisbane
84	19 April 2018	Brisbane—extraordinary meeting
85	20 June 2018	Brisbane

The non-quorum meeting held on 26 March 2018 considered the advice that would be given to the Minister regarding the Queensland Government discussion paper *Options for resources safety and health regulator models in Queensland*. It was not possible to form a quorum at this meeting as the DNRME representatives elected to abstain from the meeting to avoid the possibility of the department being party to conflicting advice given to the Minister.

A teleconference was held on 20 July 2017 to provide advice to the Minister regarding nominees for vacancies on the Board of Examiners. A quorum was present at this

meeting and it has been counted as a meeting of the advisory committee.

Two additional meetings were held to review the effectiveness of the legislation. While these meetings had a quorum of members, they were working group meetings as part of a project run by the advisory committee to meet its statutory obligations and they were not considered advisory committee meetings.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee achieves its primary function by:

- reviewing the effectiveness of the legislation (Act, Regulations and recognised standards)
- reviewing the effectiveness of the control of risk to any person from coal mining operations
- recognising, establishing and publishing
 - the competencies qualifying a person to perform tasks prescribed under the Regulation
 - the safety and health competencies required to perform the duties of a person under the Act.

Review the effectiveness of the legislation

In reviewing the effectiveness of the coal mining safety and health legislation, the advisory committee examines the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*, the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017*³ and the suite of recognised standards published under the Regulation.

The committee maintains a good working relationship with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and will continue to identify amendments that are essential to the effectiveness of the suite of legislation.

Review of Act, Regulation and recognised standards

In 2017–18, the committee continued its review of the full suite of coal mining safety and health legislation in accordance with the Act. The review aims to advise the Minister on the effectiveness of the Act, Regulation and recognised standards, and the control of any risk to any person from coal mining operations.

In 2017–18, the advisory committee held two working group meetings to consider how it would assess and measure effectiveness. These meetings will underpin the review as it continues through 2018–19.

As part of the review, the committee is considering:

- the risk management performance of the coal mining industry
- the appropriateness of the recognised standards
- education, training and standards of competency within the coal mining industry
- the implementation of recommendations from investigations conducted by mines inspectors, inquests by the Coroners Court of Queensland, boards of inquiry and other sources
- the promotion of community knowledge and awareness of safety and health in the coal mining industry
- any other matter that may be referred to the advisory committee by the Minister.

The need to provide advice to the Minister on matters such as the *Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2017*, subsequent 2018 Bill and the *Options for resources safety and health regulator models in Queensland* discussion papers hindered the progress of the effectiveness review.

The review will continue in 2018–19.

³ This Regulation replaced the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2001* on 1 September 2017.

Amendments to the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999

The committee analysed and provided advice regarding 25 proposed amendments to the Act that were under consideration by the Queensland Parliament.

These amendments were originally contained in the Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2017 that lapsed following the announcement of the November 2017 Queensland election. In anticipation of the re-tabling of a resources safety and health Bill following the election, the advisory committee held an extraordinary meeting on 19 December 2017 to develop advice for the Minister on refinements of the 2017 Bill to ensure the 2018 Bill was both accurate and workable.

Subsequently on 20 March 2018, the Minister tabled the Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2018 that included: a proposal to mandate a requirement for an underground mine ventilation officer; continuing professional development; administrative penalties; officer obligations; and the notification of diseases. This Bill included a number of amendments that resulted from the committee's advice.

Remaking of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2001

In 2017, the department undertook a policy-neutral review of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2001. This review was necessary as a preface to remaking the Regulation before it automatically expired on 31 August 2017. Issues identified included transitional changes, inaccurate and out of date Australian Standard references, and references to a number of bodies that had been renamed.

The advisory committee noted the need to remake the Regulation, but expressed concerns with the short timeframe provided by the department. This short timeframe severely limited the advisory committee's ability to thoroughly identify drafting errors and to explore the flow-on impact of proposed amendments and their impact on the industry. Advisory committee members, representing each of the tripartite stakeholder groups, met with the department on 11 July 2017 to examine the proposed changes and to ensure that potential impacts from the remaking were minimised.

The advisory committee identified a number of inaccuracies in the drafting process and also worked with the department to ensure that the renumbering of the Regulation did not

occur. A renumbering of the Regulation would have had a significant administrative impact on industry given the mandatory references to the Regulation in safety and health management systems and associated documentation.

Of further concern to the advisory committee was that many of the people responsible for making and/or advising on changes to mining safety and health legislation did not have practical or operational experience in mining. Given the highly technical nature of the legislation, it is considered that there should be officers with operational exposure in the mining industry in the policy unit or, in the absence of this, at the very least there needs to be strong cooperation between the policy unit and a tripartite group such as the advisory committee.

The Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017 came into effect on 1 September 2017 replacing the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2001.

Updates to recognised standards

The committee worked closely with the department, directly and through the recognised standards sub-committee, on the development and/or updating of the following recognised standards.

Underground electrical equipment and electrical installations (RS01)

This recognised standard applies to electrical equipment and electrical installations below ground in an underground coal mine, and electrical equipment and electrical installations on the surface directly associated with the underground operations of a coal mine. It does not apply to the general surface of an underground coal mine.

The purpose of this standard is to establish the minimum standards for the selection, installation, maintenance and operation of electrical equipment and electrical installations in an underground coal mine.

Amendments were made to the standard to bring it in line with earlier amendments to the Australian Standard and it was remade in April 2018.

Underground non-flameproof diesel vehicles (RS04)

This standard applies to diesel powered vehicles that are non-flameproof fire protected, but not explosion protected, in the underground operations of a coal mine. It does not apply

to vehicles for use on the surface of an underground coal mine.

This recognised standard was gazetted in July 2003 and no review was completed until 2017–18. Over this time, there had been a number of changes to the Australian Standard referenced in the recognised standard.

The recognised standard was amended to reflect these updates.

Stakeholders were consulted on the changes at electrical engineer management group forums and underground mine managers forums at Moranbah and Emerald.

Monitoring respirable dust in coal mines (RS14)

This recognised standard applies to all underground and surface coal mines, and includes all on-site activities as defined by the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*. It states ways to achieve an acceptable level of risk to people arising out of coal mining operations by providing the minimum requirements that must be included in a coal mine's safety and health management system for monitoring, preparing records and reporting concentrations of respirable dust levels.

When this recognised standard became operational on 1 January 2017, the advisory committee committed to reviewing it six months after implementation. Accordingly, a post implementation desk top review of the recognised standard was carried out by the advisory committee's recognised standards sub-committee. The sub-committee reported to the advisory committee on 1 September 2017 that the recognised standard was largely working and only minor adjustments were necessary. A full operational review examining dust data and the operational implementation of RS14 is currently being conducted.

In addition, RS14 is being examined to consider how real-time gas monitors can be used in non-gassy environments for compliance monitoring.

Review the effectiveness of the control of risk to any person

In reviewing the effectiveness of the control of risk to any person from coal mining operations, the committee provided independent advice to the Minister and department about:

- proposed initiatives to address the Monash University Centre for Occupational Health and Environment review
- the creation of an independent dust review committee and its operation
- the management of a respirable dust database
- changes to the table of competencies for coal mining
- Safe Work Australia's review of the workplace exposure levels of around 700 respirable airborne contaminants
- coal mining safety and health matters, including recognised standards, guidelines, safety alerts and bulletins, and other documentation.

Respirable dust

In 2017–18, the advisory committee commenced a quarterly review of dust results from the respirable dust database. The review process examines not only dust results, but also the performance of the database itself.

This quarterly review of the dust results has identified there was a general decrease in the exposure of miners to dust and dust exceedances, with average exposure rates and exceedance rates for the year below the requisite levels. The monitoring work undertaken by the department identified that the two highest risk similar exposure groups for underground mines were the longwall and development groups, and in open cut mines, the field maintenance and coal handling preparation plant laboratory groups.

The Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Select Committee recommended the establishment of a standing dust committee similar to that which is in place in New South Wales. At the Minister's request, the advisory committee considered the potential for establishing a standing dust committee in Queensland. Following detailed analysis, including extensive consultation with Coal Services NSW, the advisory committee advised the Minister that the advisory committee's regular review of respirable dust results and the work being done by the inspectorate and Simtars were largely delivering similar services and oversight to that which the standing dust committee in New South Wales delivers.

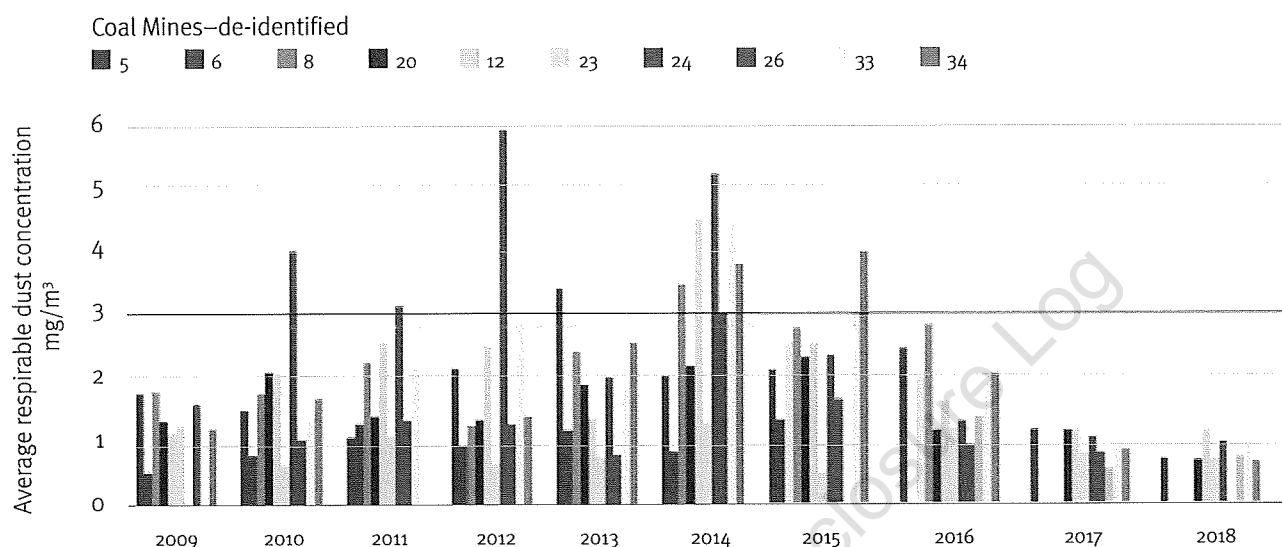


Figure 1: Average respirable coal dust concentrations for the longwall similar exposure group, 2009–2018

As such, the advisory committee felt that the establishment of a separate standing dust committee in Queensland was not necessary at this time. The advisory committee will continue to monitor dust results quarterly and advise the Minister accordingly.

Evaluation of the suitability of real-time personal dust monitoring devices

The Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Select Committee recommended the advisory committee consider endorsing the use of the Thermo Scientific *PDM3700 Personal Dust Monitor* in surface and underground coal mines as a monitoring tool. The advisory committee sought the advice of its standards sub-committee which worked in conjunction with an industry project team and Simtars to assess the instrument's suitability for use in Queensland coal mines.

The advice provided to the advisory committee was that the PDM3700 was not intrinsically safe as gaps were identified with spark testing, polyswitches, ingress protection and the type of fasteners.

As a result, to comply with the select committee's recommendation, there is a process of certification that would have to be circumvented or changed to certify the device and neither is a suitable option as they would result in the transport of a potential ignition source into gassy environments.

While members found that they could see great value in the use of real-time gas monitoring devices in both reducing exposure to respirable coal dust and as a compliance instrument, there is a certification process that can't be met and the process should not be changed to suit a single instrument.

It was unanimously determined that the PDM3700 in its current form would not be approved for use in gassy or potentially gassy environments.

The advisory committee has sought further advice from the industry project team and standards sub-committee regarding what changes could be made to recognised standard 14 that would enable the PDM3700 to be used in non-gassy environments, including surface operations, as a compliance monitoring instrument.

Safe Work Australia airborne contaminants review

In 2017–18, the advisory committee regularly considered a review by Safe Work Australia of the exposure standards for around 700 airborne contaminants.

The advisory committee provided advice to the Director-General of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy of the need to request Safe Work Australia to include respirable coal dust and respirable crystalline silica in a trial of the project methodology with a view to expediting the review of the occupational exposure levels for those contaminants.

In March 2018, on the advisory committee's advice, the Minister wrote to the Commonwealth requesting that Safe Work Australia prioritise the release of the results for the trial. The advisory committee advised the Minister that any change in occupational exposure limits should be linked to this review.

Discussion paper—Options for resources safety and health regulator models in Queensland

In November 2017, the Minister established a project management office to advise him on how the Queensland Government might best achieve the intent of a number of the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Select Committee's recommendations relating to the management of resources safety and health.

In May 2018, the advisory committee provided detailed advice to the Minister in relation to the *Options for resources safety and health regulator models in Queensland* discussion paper produced by the project management office.

Recognising, establishing and publishing competencies

The advisory committee is responsible for establishing, recognising and publishing the competencies qualifying a person to perform the duties of a coal mining statutory position under the Act.

The advisory committee maintains a list of approved competencies which is published on the Queensland Government's Business Queensland website. This list is periodically updated to ensure that people in coal mining statutory positions have appropriate skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

In setting the competencies, the advisory committee consults broadly, including with tripartite stakeholders, other jurisdictions and training organisations.

The committee developed and published updated competencies for trainers and training assessors—competency 20 and 21—to provide for equivalent competency recognition of the nationally accredited trainers and assessors course.

The committee is continuing to review competencies for:

- shot firers (competency 11 and 12)
- section 153 of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017 (giving direction to a person appointed under section 60(8) (control and management of underground activities) or (9) (explosion risk zones) of the Act).

Stakeholder engagement

The committee consulted extensively with coal mining stakeholders, including:

- the department's Occupational Health and Hygiene unit on strategies for implementing measures to address the findings of the Monash review
- Queensland Mines Inspectorate occupational hygienists in relation to respirable coal dust and respirable crystalline silica results and the dust database
- the Explosives Inspectorate in relation to changes to the *Explosives Act 1999* that will impact on coal miners
- mining industry senior stakeholders to understand the effectiveness of mine safety and health from a mine operator's perspective
- Safe Work Australia in relation to the respirable airborne contaminants workplace/operational exposure standards review project and the impacts that may have on workplace exposure standards in Queensland
- the Occupational Health Mining Advisory Committee regarding drugs—including prescription drugs—and alcohol use and their impact on mine workers, other workers and colleagues, and the public
- the Queensland Police Service on drug and alcohol testing procedures
- Glencore and AngloAmerican in relation to a risk-assessment project on a real-time dust monitoring device to determine if it is safe for use in potentially explosive gassy environments
- Resources Training Council in relation to training competencies for trainers and assessors.

Expenses incurred

Members of the committee are not entitled to any remuneration other than the reimbursement of reasonable expenses and travel allowances to attend meetings.

The total expenses incurred and claimed by members in 2017–18 was \$3026.11



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Hi

It looks good. I have added a line more with regard to tripartite, as I think this is a good point to emphasis.

Interesting table for back pocket. Might want to add a point about it .

List of Advisory committee meetings

Year	Number of CSMHAC meetings	Number of MSHAC meetings
2000-01	7	6
2001-02	6	2
2002-03	5	2
2003-04	3	0
2004-05	5	2
2005-06	4	2
2006-07	6	4
2007-08	4	4
2008-09	3	6
2009-10	4	4
2010-11	5	4
2011-12	2	2
2012-13	4	4
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2015-16	7	2
2016-17	5	6
2017-18	9	8
2018-19	8	8

Cheers
Kate

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- CMSHAC's primary function is to provide tripartite, technical advice to the Minister about safety and health matters.
- The tripartite nature of the advisory committee ensures that the views of all stakeholders are equally represented to provide advice that is in the best interests of mine workers and the industry as a whole.
- The advisory committees have driven many important reforms over the past several years, including new competencies for persons with safety and health obligations in the mining industry and of course support for the sector's response to mine dust lung disease.
- The advice I receive from the advisory committees is, and always will be, essential to the management of my portfolio responsibilities and has, without fail, been of the highest standard.
- The Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee has met eight times in the last financial year, including 18 September 2018 and the 5 June 2019, both held in Townsville and was followed by a site visit to South32's Cannington mine on 6 June 2019, providing an opportunity to talk with mine workers and management about health and safety issues (note : the visit is not included in the eight, as not classed as meeting, it is engagement)
- The Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee in the past financial year has also met eight times in September (twice), December and March (twice), and by teleconference in January and July
- Both advisory committees attended the Ministers safety forum last week held in the wake of the recent fatalities.
- The two mining safety and health advisory committees also held a joint meeting last week following the safety forum
- Our government is committed to getting more women on boards but health and safety always comes first.

Date : 19/02/2019 6:06:53 AM

From : "BEARE Geoff"

To : "Stephanie Kameric" , "matt.pitman@ministerial.qld.gov.au"

Cc : "DU PREEZ Kate" , "NOLAN Audrey"

Subject : CSMHAC briefing and advice to the Minister on "Industrial Manslaughter and Other Amendments" discussion paper

Attachment : EDOCS - 7677031 - CSMHAC Briefing note including Industrial Manslaughter advice -

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Good morning Stephanie and Matt

Please find attached a briefing for the Minister from the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health on behalf of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee. The brief contains advice to the Minister on the last meeting of the Advisory Committee and on the discussion paper *Industrial Manslaughter and Other Legislative Amendments for Resources Safety and Health*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Kind regards Geoff



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CTS No 36656/18

Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health
MINISTER'S BRIEFING NOTE – DR ANTHONY LYNHAM

SUBJECT: Coal Mine Safety and Health Advisory Committee
brief December

TIMING: Routine

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Minister.....
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that you:

Note the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) met on 12 December 2018.

Note that the Advisory Committee is of the view that urgent regulatory changes are necessary with respect to the inspection and monitoring of ventilation in abandoned areas of underground coal mines.

Agree to ask the department to examine the provisions of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017 to ascertain whether adjustments to the provisions dealing with inspection and monitoring of ventilation of abandoned areas are needed.

Note the Advisory Committee has considered the quarterly dust results and remains concerned about the quarterly trends in respirable crystalline silica results which continue to trend upward.

Note that the Advisory Committee will schedule a silica-only deep dive into the dust data at its next regular meeting in March 2019.

Note the Advisory Committee endorsed three Recognised Standards for your approval and gazettal

1. Recognised Standard—Polymeric chemicals
2. Recognised Standard—Heat management in underground mines
3. Recognised Standard—Global Harmonisation Scheme.

Note while the Unions support publication of the recognised standard, they wish to note that they do not support the non-publication of the list of polymeric chemicals approved by NSW in the recognised standard.

Note members request that you expedite the approval of Recognised Standard—Heat management in underground mines to protect the safety and health of workers over summer.

Note Safe Work Australia's advice that draft Operational Exposure Limits for Respirable Crystalline Silica and Respirable Coal Dust were provided to the Director-General in December 2018.

Note the current advisory committee members' term of appointment expired on 20 December 2018

Note that given the need for continuity of advice to you in relation to a number of important issues the members of the current advisory committee have determined that they will continue to meet without a quorum until such time as a new advisory committee is appointed.

Note that no adjustments to the existing table of competencies can be made until a new Advisory Committee is appointed.

Note the Advisory Committee decided to provide you with advice in regard to the discussion paper *Industrial Manslaughter and Other Legislative Amendments for Resources Safety and Health* in accordance with the legislation (Attachment 1).

KEY ISSUES:

1. The Advisory Committee held a regular quarterly meeting on 12 December 2018 at Simtars in Redbank.
2. The Union raised concerns with the provisions in the regulations (sections 343–346) dealing with the need to inspect and monitor the ventilation of abandoned areas.
3. The inadequacies of these provisions have been highlighted by the current practice (mainly in bord and pillar or place change coal mines) where abandoned areas are not being sealed or being effectively inspected and monitored for gas.

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Date: 16 December 2018	Date: 14 February 2018

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4. The Union advised that this was the exact situation that occurred at Moura number 2 in panel 512 and areas which had little to no ventilation flow.
5. The advisory committee requests that you ask Resources Safety and Health to review the regulation and any adjustments that are necessary as a matter of priority.
6. This recommendation was unanimously supported by all stakeholders.
7. The Advisory Committee reviewed the third quarter 2018 dust results and trends in dust data that are emerging from nearly two years of dust data and found:
 - a. the highest level of respirable coal dust exceedances in underground mines are on the longwall and development production SEGs with respirable crystalline silica exceedances highest for gas drainage and development production SEGs
 - b. the highest level of respirable coal dust exceedances in open cut mines are on the field maintenance and CHPP production SEGs with respirable crystalline silica exceedances highest on the exploration drillers and field maintenance SEGs
 - c. in the third quarter there have been a total of
 - i. 25 exceedances from 1512 valid samples in underground mines, of these 10 have been respirable coal dust and 15 respirable crystalline silica exceedances
 - ii. 27 exceedances from 2653 valid samples in open cut mines, of these 4 have been respirable coal dust and 23 respirable crystalline silica exceedances
 - d. the trend of increasing respirable crystalline silica exceedances continued in quarter 3 in both open cut (0.56% of valid samples quarter 1; 0.81% in quarter 2; and 1.02% in quarter 3) and underground mines (0.95% of valid samples quarter 1; 1.63% in quarter 2; and 1.65% in quarter 3)
 - e. in 2017 there were a total of 115 exceedances (coal dust and silica) of which 25 were exceedances where the person exposed was not wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), a further 5 workers did not report if they were wearing PPE
 - f. in 2018 there have been 30 individuals of the 118 exceedances in quarters 1 to 3 not wearing PPE with a further 13 not reporting whether they wore PPE or not.
8. The continued respirable crystalline silica trend is concerning. As a result, the advisory committee proposes to do a deep dive into silica dust at its next regular quarterly meeting in an attempt to further understand this trend and whether further requirements are needed to manage silica dust so the advisory committee can make some recommendations to you to address the issue.
9. The Advisory Committee also noted unusually high silica results in the exploration drilling SEG.
10. In response, the Advisory Committee considered whether there was a case to be made for additional dust training for workers in this SEG and has asked the department for additional data before making a decision in this regard.
11. The number of individuals that have been exposed to exceedances while not wearing PPE suggests that there is still some way to go to educate coal mine workers about the dangers of coal mine dust and dust disease.
12. The Recognised Standards Subcommittee gave a quarterly update to the Advisory Committee providing three draft recognised standards for endorsement
 - a. Recognised Standard—Polymeric chemicals
 - b. Recognised Standard—Heat management in underground mines
 - c. Recognised Standard—Global Harmonisation Scheme
13. The Advisory Committee advises that they are of the view that you should approve them for gazettal.
14. In accordance with the requirements of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*, I advise you that the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union representatives on the advisory committee wished to have it noted that they do not support the removal of the list of NSW-approved polymeric chemicals from the polymeric chemicals recognised standard.
15. The department advised that it was not possible to publish on the department's webpage a list when the department has no control over the quality and accuracy of the information.
16. As a result, the advisory committee developed and agreed on a requirement that shifted responsibility to the Site Senior Executive (SSE) to demonstrate that the chemical has been tested and has met or exceeded testing standards in the recognised standard and has been certified safe.

17. The additional provisions inserted also require the SSE to provide certification material that polymeric chemicals have passed the tests in the recognised standard to any worker, Industry Safety and Health Representative or Inspector that asks to see it.
18. On that basis, it was unanimously agreed to support your approval of the polymeric chemicals recognised standard.
19. Union members also noted that, as it was now summer, the recognised standard for heat management in underground mines is needed now.
20. As such it was agreed to request that you expedite the approval and gazettal of this recognised standard to protect the health and safety of workers over the summer months.
21. Safe Work Australia advised, in its regular report to the Advisory Committee, that the recommended Operational Exposure Limits for respirable coal dust and respirable crystalline silica have now been independently assessed.
22. Safe Work Australia provided the Director-General a confidential copy of the draft recommendations for amended Operational Exposure Limits in December 2018.
23. The appointment of most of the current members of the advisory committee expired on 20 December 2018. Therefore, a quorum of members no longer exists.
24. As I understand it, your recommendation for replacement members has been provided to the Premier for her endorsement.
25. In the interim, previous members recognise the need for continuity of advice to you and the need to maintain momentum on a number of important issues including, but not limited to, monitoring dust results and providing consolidated advice to you on the suite of legislation and topical issues.
26. As a result, the previous members of the advisory committee have determined that they will continue to meet as a proxy advisory committee to provide you with the necessary expert advice until such time as a new advisory committee is appointed.
27. However, in the absence of a legitimately appointed Advisory Committee, no amendments can be made to existing industry competencies or new competencies considered where a need is identified.
28. The Advisory Committee considered the discussion paper *Industrial Manslaughter and Other Legislative Amendments for Resources Safety and Health* released by Resources Safety and Health.
29. In accordance with the requirements of the legislation (section 76(1)), the Advisory Committee has elected to provide you with advice in regard to the amendments canvassed in the discussion paper (Attachment 1).
30. Inspectorate members of the Advisory Committee excused themselves from discussions about the discussion paper.

BACKGROUND:

31. Members of the advisory committee are appointed for a term of up to 3 years.
32. Most of the current members were appointed on 21 December 2015 so their appointment expired on 20 December 2018.
33. The Office of the Premier considers recommendations for appointment against the government's gender equity policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1—Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee Minister's advice "*Industrial Manslaughter and Other Legislative Amendments for Resources Safety and Health*"

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The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham
Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
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Dear Minister

In accordance with the provisions of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*, the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (advisory committee) is providing you with advice regarding the *Industrial Manslaughter and Other Legislative Amendments for Resources Safety and Health* discussion paper released by the department on 28 November 2018.

I have been unable to form a quorum of members of the advisory committee to provide advice to you with regard the discussion paper due to the inspectorate members declining to attend the meeting. However, the balance of the advisory committee provides you with the following advice.

Evidence for the proposed amendments

Since its inception and enactment in 1999, the coal mining safety and health legislation has been the subject of a cooperative tripartite approach to regulation, ensuring that the basis of the legislation, and any amendments to it, are driven by a solid evidence base.

It has always been the unanimous view of the members of the advisory committee that any changes made to the legislation should only be done so in the face of strong evidence which shows there is the clear potential to improve safety and health in the industry.

The advisory committee is concerned about the lack of evidence that has been provided for the general need for change. No evidence has been provided to show that the proposed provisions will improve safety and health outcomes in the resources industry. The only expressed driver for change is to bring resources legislation into line with the recent changes that have been made to the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act).

Industrial manslaughter

As part of the discussion paper, it is proposed to introduce a specific offence of industrial manslaughter and to increase maximum penalties for causing death or deaths to 20 years imprisonment and 100,000 penalty units for corporations.

The advisory committee notes that no evidence has been provided in the discussion paper to show that introducing an industrial manslaughter offence will reduce fatality rates. Members also noted that prosecutors already have at their disposal manslaughter provisions under the criminal code and gross negligence resulting in death provisions in common law for manslaughter offences resulting from gross negligence or reckless conduct causing death.

Although the advisory committee is split regarding whether an offence of industrial manslaughter should be introduced, members believe that if there is to be an offence, it should

apply equally to any person causing a fatality through gross negligence or reckless conduct and not just to senior officers and executives.

Of further concern to the advisory committee is the response of people involved in any fatality as a result of there being an industrial manslaughter offence. It is considered inevitable that in such circumstances those people involved would "lawyer up" and adopt a defensive litigious approach to the investigations into the incident. Any propensity for affected parties to adopt the litigious approach would be of concern.

The positive and proactive relationship that has developed between the regulator and resources industry over many years in Queensland is something that should not be put in jeopardy. This working relationship has created a platform of open and constructive two-way transfer of information that facilitates continual improvement of safety and health practices in the industry. This was demonstrated recently in reforms that had a significant and positive effect in combating the challenge of the re-identification of mine lung dust disease. This relationship could be put at risk by the greater potential for legal intervention associated with an increased legalistic approach stemming from the introduction of an industrial manslaughter offence.

In Queensland, the rationale for introducing an industrial manslaughter offence appears to be based on concerns on the difficulty with applying existing offences of manslaughter to corporations.¹ However, the Law Society submits that, rather than introducing a standalone offence, *"if there is evidence to suggest that there are those within a business who are culpable but cannot be prosecuted under the existing legislative framework, then a review of the duty holders and duties should be undertaken"*.²

All jurisdictions in Australia have general manslaughter offences in their criminal codes with varying maximum penalties, although a company cannot be prosecuted under these offence provisions, only individuals. That offence is the one most likely to be used to prosecute people responsible for work-related deaths. A recent conviction under Worksafe Victoria duty laws for recklessly endangering a worker resulted in the first ever jail sentence in Australia for a work health and safety offence. Queensland's first ever conviction resulting in a jail sentence has occurred only within the last few weeks.

In the two jurisdictions in Australia in which industrial manslaughter has been introduced (ACT since 2004 and Queensland since 2017), industrial manslaughter has not been used as the prosecutorial offence in any work-based fatality prosecution. A recent ACT case charged a person with manslaughter rather than industrial manslaughter.

Further, offences addressing fatalities occurring at or in the course of work at a mine or quarry already exist in coal mining legislation carrying imprisonment and fines that have yet to be used to their full extent by the courts. Those who are responsible for the fatalities are capable of being prosecuted under these laws and it is the responsibility of the inspectorate to pursue such prosecutions or to refer them to the DPP for prosecution under the criminal code.

The Queensland Law Society advised the Parliamentary Committee³ inquiry into the amendments to the WHS Act that it was, *"imprudent and ineffective for governments to continually draft new offences to cover specific events. The creation of these new offences will not prevent these tragedies from occurring, especially where there are existing applicable offences"*. The absence of defences, combined with the low standards of proof of negligence and the high maximum penalties (20 years imprisonment for an individual or 100,000 penalty

¹ <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Documents/TableOffice/TabledPapers/2017/5517T1870.pdf>

² Queensland Law Society Submission 23 to the Finance and Administration Committee p2

³ Qld Law Society Submission 23 to the Finance and Administration Committee p2

units for a body corporate), in the Law Council of Australia's view, *"has the potential for unjust unintended consequences"*.⁴

Rather than introducing a separate offence for industrial manslaughter and creating "...an unrealistic expectation [for the families of the deceased]...",⁵ greater attention to how investigations are conducted and the skills and training of investigators and prosecutors is likely to provide greater benefits to the family of individuals that are killed. *"This is because the investigation workplace deaths clearly impacts significantly on the likelihood (or otherwise) of a successful prosecution, whether that be for an offence under WHS [sic or resources] laws or a criminal manslaughter offence."*⁶

Some members of the advisory committee support the proposed industrial manslaughter provisions while other members are of the view that there is no evidence to show that introducing industrial manslaughter will improve the safety of workers

Members participating in the discussions are unanimously of the view that any legislation should apply to all people that work in an industry with the same legal tests, defences and protections afforded any other person charged with a similar offence.

Dispute resolution

The legislation provides for resolution of safety and health issues through an inspector with provision for review to the chief inspector and subsequently, on certain issues, the Industrial Magistrate.

The advisory committee is of the view that introducing the Industrial Relations Commissioner into safety and health disputes blurs the existing boundary between industrial relations issues and safety and health issues.

Existing safety and health dispute resolution processes in coal mining legislation provide for referral to an inspector or the chief inspector and, for some issues relating to directives, subsequently to the Industrial Magistrates Court. The legislation also provides for making representations (to an inspector or inspection officer) about safety and health matters, and to the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health, for an offence under the legislation by inspectors, SSHRs/ISHRS and SSEs.

Members of the advisory committee have proposed an option whereby safety and health issues that cannot be resolved by referral to the chief inspector or highly technical matters to the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health should be referred to QCAT rather than the Industrial Magistrates Court.

This matter was still under discussion by the advisory committee at the time this discussion paper was released. As a result, the proposal has yet to be voted on. The view of the members recommending this option is that QCAT would provide a more readily accessible, lower cost and faster alternative to the Industrial Magistrates Court.

In reviewing the proposal to refer matters to the Industrial Relations Commission, apart from blurring the boundary between industrial relations and safety and health matters, the advisory committee considered whether there was evidence that: the commission had the necessary safety and health expertise; whether it would be less legalistic, lower cost and provide a faster review mechanism; and whether it would improve safety and health outcomes.

⁴ Law Council of Australia Submission 3 to Senate Inquiry p3

⁵ Australian Government Response to the Senate Education and Employment References Committee report: *"They never came home—the framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia"* 2019, recommendation 13, p 12

⁶ Ibid

There is no evidence at this stage that the Industrial Relations Commission could meet any of these criteria and as such the proposal to refer matters to the Industrial Relations Commission is not supported at this time.

However, it is the view of some members that there is evidence that the legislation could be clearer in respect to:

- who can make representations
- to whom they can make representations
- the protections from reprisals in place for the person making safety and health representations
- the obligations of the entity to which the representation has been made to investigate and report on the matter.

The advisory committee's view is that if on investigation the evidence is compelling, then the necessary amendments should be made to the legislation.

Prohibition of discriminatory, coercive and misleading conduct

The advisory committee is of the view that all workers should be protected from discriminatory, coercive and misleading conduct.

This includes such behaviour as reprisals for people reporting safety and/or health-related matters or who have contacted or given help to an official in relation to a safety issue. Such protection should be provided whether the worker is an employee of the company that owns or manages the mine or is a contractor or labour hire employee.

The advisory committee has been made aware of instances of inappropriate conduct of the sort envisaged by these provisions. It is of the view that the problem is likely to be a cultural issue and the evidence shows that problems are more likely to be exhibited in regard to labour hire employees and contractors through the potentially inappropriate termination of work contracts.

The advisory committee is of the view that there are already adequate protections in the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* (Section 275AA) against this sort of behaviour and, where it has been brought to the inspectorate attention, remedy has resulted. As a result, the advisory committee is of the view that an additional legislative burden and/or processes will not improve the level of compliance. Rather, it is of the view that an awareness and educational remedy would be more beneficial.

As such the additional legislative provisions proposed in the discussion paper are not supported.

Workplace entry by entry permit holders

The advisory committee is of the view that no evidence has been provided that shows that access to coal mines for ISHRs and SSHRs is a problem. Further, as these safety and health positions have access to dispute resolution processes, there is no issue with resolving safety and health disputes.

Coal mines are high hazard environments. Right of entry requirements in the legislation should be limited to those that have the necessary technical training and competencies and it is essential that mine operators should always be aware of who is on site and where they are.

The proposal will allow unqualified people to access high-risk work environments which is contrary to the intent of the legislation and management framework which provide for high competency levels for workers onsite.

Access by union officials to mine and quarry workers is already provided for by the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cwth) for industrial matters and by appropriately qualified SSHRs and ISHRs under

coal mining legislation for work health and safety purposes. Therefore, additional access for non-workers is not supported.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely



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From : "NOLAN Audrey"

To : "Stephanie Kameric" , "Matthew Pitman"

Subject : Correspondence from Commissioner MSH for Minister Lynham's attention.

Attachment : 20190214 LTR to Minister Anthony Lynham - comment on Industrial Manslaughter and Other Legislative Amendments for RSH discussion paper.pdf;image001.png;image002.jpg;

Good afternoon

Attached please find correspondence from the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health for Minister Lynham's attention.

Regards

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To : "Stephanie Kameric"

Cc : "DU PREEZ Kate"

Subject : Correspondence from the Commissioner CSMH and Chair of CSMHAC

Attachment : 20190118 LTR to Minister Lynham - CSMHAC extension request - IM and other amendments to RSH Legislation
discussion paper.pdf;image001.png;image002.jpg;

Good morning Stephanie

Attached please find correspondence from the Commissioner CSMH and Chair of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee for consideration and response by Minister Lynham.

Regards

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18 January 2019

The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP
Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
PO Box 15216
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Dear Minister

At its recent meeting, the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) considered the discussion paper *Industrial Manslaughter and Other Amendments to Resources Safety and Health Legislation*.

Advice from members was that, due to consultation occurring over the Christmas/New Year shut down, they are unable to consult with constituent members to provide consolidated advice to their boards and get an approved submission to the Advisory Committee within the timeframes that have been established for consultation.

Unfortunately this means that the Advisory Committee is unable to provide you with consolidated and coordinated advice to these important proposals within the timeframes established.

Therefore, I seek your indulgence for an extension to the consultation period for this proposal which is of strong interest to the members of the Advisory Committee.

Yours sincerely

Kate du Preez

Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health
Chair Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee

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Date : 18/03/2019 5:23:50 PM

From : "DU PREEZ Kate"

To : "Stephanie Kameric"

Subject : EDOCS - 7782948 - Minister speaking points for CSMHAC strategy session - 1 (002)

Attachment : EDOCS - 7782948 - Minister speaking points for CSMHAC strategy session - 1 (002).docx;image001.png;

Afternoon

Please see attached dot points as discussed in the text.

Kind regards

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Minister speaking points for CSMHAC strategy session

Thank you to the committee members

- Thank you to the committee members for providing time, energy and expertise
- I highly value your input and the frank and expert advice you provide
- I appreciate that due to the number of emergent issues the committee has met nine times this year, which is far more frequent than the two meetings required under the Act
- I have always maintained that one of the significant strengths of the advisory committee is its tripartite nature that ensures the advice I receive is in the best interests of mine workers and the industry as a whole.

Focus for the committee

- Kate has invited me here today to open this strategy session and talk to you about what I would like to see the advisory committee achieve over the next three years.
- The primary purpose of the committee is to advise me about promoting and protecting the safety and health of people at coal mines
- I want you to provide me with strategic oversight of the mining industry when it comes to safety and health matters, particularly focussing on the causes of fatalities, serious injuries and disease
- I want you to be agile and able to provide me with advice on emerging and unexpected issues that arise in the industry
- I want the advice you provide me to be comprehensive and be backed up by current evidence
- I also want the committee to adopt a long-term view and to take the initiative to respond to the changing environments to identifying current and emerging hazards

Possible questions

What is happening to the committee post-restructure?

I appointed an independent project management office to examine the structural arrangements for the resource regulator including the advisory committees. Following stakeholder input, the final arrangements are awaiting cabinet consideration. What I can say is that I am highly supportive of the role of the advisory committee and appreciative of the advice that is provided, such as with regard to the response to coal workers' pneumoconiosis.

Approval of the membership for the committee?

I appreciate that the advisory committee has determined to continue to meet as a proxy advisory committee and provide me with the necessary expert advice until such time as a new advisory committee is appointed. The proposed membership is awaiting endorsement from the Premier. I have expressed the urgency of the matter and hope to be able to appoint a committee soon.

Why don't we have two chief inspectors?

Determining the internal structural requirements of the mining inspectorate is a matter for the department and something the executive director of Resources Safety and Health is best placed to determine including the opportunity to simplify the reporting line and let's one high – hazard

industry share best practices with another. (I.e. fatal hazards and critical control, respiratory health screening and surveillance)

Hand over to Mark for more detail.

Given the broad purpose of the advisory committee (including conducting effectiveness review) and the need to provide evidence-based advice on sometimes highly complex matters, the advisory committee will need a budget. Is this something that can be addressed in the current restructure?

I have spoken with the Commissioner regarding budgeting and I am aware that she is currently funding the effectiveness review and other work of the advisory committee through her budget. I am supportive of this approach. In addition, it is essential that today's strategic planning process provides an indication of the potential budgetary requirements of the advisory committee for the coming years. Ultimately, when cabinet has made its decision on the current restructure, issues of budget will be resolved at that time.

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Sorry this is the correct attachment

Afternoon

Please see Agenda as discussed for the CSMHAC meeting to be held in Moranbah on the 26th June

Please also note : As the Advisory Committee meeting has been postponed, so has the SSHR and SSE Forum on the 27th.

Sadly, this was a missed opportunity, for representatives of SSHRs (ETU and CFMEU) and SSEs to raise concerns with regards to the effectiveness of the legislation as well as discuss mine safety and health. We had a huge interest in the Forum

Do you require the agenda for the MSHAC meeting that was held in June ?

Kind regards

Kate



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For information
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Cc: BEARE Geoff; 'Shane Hansford'

Subject: CSMHAC - 26 June

Good afternoon

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Advisory Committee, it is necessary to postpone the scheduled advisory committee meeting for 26 June. I would like to thank everyone for their input into the discussion.

Once the advisory committee has further information, I will send out a request for potential meeting dates, possibly for the end of July or early August. I believe that this meeting needs to occur as soon as possible due to the importance of certain topics that are on the agenda including looking at regulation changes with regard to methane management.

Kind regards

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To : "Stephanie Kameric"

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Attachment : Input into Minister letter - CMSHAC 17062019.docx; EDOCS-#8161700-v1-CMSHAC_membership_December_2018.XLSX; image001.png;

Good Morning Stephanie

As discussed on Friday, please see my recommended letter from the Minister to CMSHAC. You will need to change the heading etc. as it is one the Commissioner letterhead. You might need to add more to paragraph 5 as you are more away of the process.

I have also attached the membership list with contact details.

Please let me know if I can help you further or if you would like me to send the letter out on your behalf.

Kind regards

Kate



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Good afternoon

Attached please find correspondence from the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health for Minister Lynham's attention.

Regards

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14 February 2019

The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham
Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
PO Box 15216
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Dear Minister

As you are aware, in the coming months, the memberships of both the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (CMShAC) and Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (MSHAC) are due for renewal.

In anticipation of the appointment of new members, and the re-appointment of some existing members, strategic planning sessions have been scheduled for MSHAC on the afternoon of 12 March 2019 and for CMShAC on the afternoon of 19 March 2019.

I would like to invite you to attend the planning sessions to welcome the new members and to re-familiarise continuing members with your expectations and key concerns related to the operation of the advisory committees and mining and quarrying safety and health issues in general.

With the renewal of membership, this is an opportunity to re-visit the strategic directions of the advisory committees to ensure that the work they do is aligned with your priorities and that of the government.

If you are unable to attend in person, it would be beneficial to write to the advisory committees to provide direction on your priorities.

The advisory committee meetings will both be held from 2–5 pm at 1 William Street, Brisbane. My office will provide you with further details should you be able to attend.

Yours sincerely



Kate du Preez
Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health