

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Resources Safety and Health Queensland (RSHQ)
Name of the proposal	<i>Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Amendment Regulation 2023</i>
Submission type	Summary Impact Analysis Statement
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017
Date of issue	9 November 2023

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>This regulatory proposal has been assessed by RSHQ as minor and has zero/negligible regulatory costs because it maintains existing regulatory limits.</p> <p>The <i>Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Amendment Regulation 2023</i> will amend Schedule 5 of the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017 to exclude welding fume, respirable crystalline silica (RCS) and diesel particulate matter (DPM) as airborne contaminants whose exposure limit is linked to the <i>Workplace exposure standards for airborne contaminants</i> published by Safe Work Australia, and insert welding fume and respirable crystalline silica as individually listed hazards to which exposure limits of 5mg/m³ and 0.05mg/m³ respectively apply.</p> <p>These limits are the same as the exposure limits currently set by the SWA standards. Exposure to DPM in mineral mines will continue to be managed through the RSHQ document <i>QGN 21 Guidance note for management of diesel engine exhaust in metalliferous mines</i>.</p> <p>The amendment to Schedule 5 will implement a consistent approach with what is taken under the <i>Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017</i>, wherein these airborne contaminants are regulated for the coal mining industry separately to the SWA standards at the same level in the standard.</p>

*Refer to [The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy](#) for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

Signed



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