

**STATE DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Report No. 40, 56th Parliament

RESOURCES SAFETY AND HEALTH QUEENSLAND BILL 2019

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 4 September 2019, the Resources Safety and Health Queensland Bill 2019 (the Bill) was introduced to Parliament.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee (the committee) with a report back date of 18 October 2019.

On 18 October 2019 the committee tabled its report no. 40 in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government responses to recommendations made and matters raised by the committee are provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends the Resources Safety and Health Queensland Bill 2019 be passed.

Government Response

The government thanks the committee for its recommendation that the Bill be passed and the recommendation is noted.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Chief Executive Officer of Resources Safety and Health Queensland have appropriate resource industry qualifications and experience.

Government Response

The government notes the recommendation and proposes to move amendments during consideration in detail of the Bill to provide that the Chief Executive Officer of Resources Safety and Health Queensland have appropriate resource industry qualifications and experience.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy or Resources Safety and Health Queensland, if established, provide a briefing to the committee in mid-2020 on the finalised funding model for Resources Safety and Health Queensland.

Government Response

The government notes the recommendation and proposes that the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy or Resources Safety and Health Queensland, if established, provide a briefing to the committee in mid-2020 on the finalised funding model for Resources Safety and Health Queensland.

Recommendation 4

The committee recommends that the annual report of the Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health be published on the Resources Safety and Health Queensland and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy websites.

Government Response

The government notes the recommendation and will table an erratum to the explanatory notes to the Bill, to clarify the intent that the annual report of the Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health be published on the Resources Safety and Health Queensland website and the Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health website.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO NOTE

Compliance with the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* – Fundamental legislative principles

The committee noted the absence of a show cause process prior to the removal from office of the Chief Executive Officer of Resources Safety and Health Queensland, the Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health, and the Executive Officer of the employing office under clauses 19, 39 and 54 of the Bill and that this was not flagged in the explanatory notes.

Government Response

The government notes the committee's comments and will table an erratum to the explanatory notes to provide clarification on these matters.
