

CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS, RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 7 ON THE
RESOURCES SAFETY AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024
QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 18 April 2024 the Resources Safety and Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill) was introduced into Queensland Parliament.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the Clean Economy Jobs, Resources and Transport Committee (the committee) with a report back date of 7 June 2024.

On 7 June 2024, the committee tabled its report no. 7 in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government's responses to recommendations made and clarification on points raised by the committee are provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends the Resources Safety and Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 be passed.

Government Response

The Government notes the recommendation that the Resources Safety and Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 be passed and thanks the committee for its thorough consideration of the Bill.

Recommendation 2

The transitional period requiring persons in 'safety critical roles' to hold a certificate of competency should expire 5 years after the date the Board of Examiners sets the examinations.

Government Response

The Government thanks the committee for this recommendation, and notes that commencement of these provisions is by proclamation that can be up to 1 year from assent or 2 years if delayed further by regulation. It is expected that the Board of Examiners will have examinations available within 12 months. This coincides with a commencement by proclamation that will then provide five years for persons to obtain the new certificates of competency.

Recommendation 3

That the proposed amendments to section 39 of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* and section 36 of the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* are reversed to expand the scope of the Bill, while retaining references to remote operating centre workers.

Government Response

This recommendation is supported, and amendments will be moved for consideration in detail during debate of the Bill.

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By Leave

MP: Hon. S. Stewart

Clerk's Signature: _____

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