

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Report No. 7

Coroners (Mining and Resources Coroner) Amendment Bill 2025

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 12 June 2025, the Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity introduced the Coroners (Mining and Resources Coroner) Amendment Bill 2025 into the Queensland Parliament. The Bill was referred to the Primary Industries and Resources Committee (Committee) for detailed consideration. The Committee tabled its report on the Bill on 15 August 2025.

The Bill establishes the Mining and Resources Coroner to conduct coronial investigations and mandatory inquests for all mining related reportable deaths, which includes accidental deaths that occur on coal mines, mines, quarries and certain petroleum and gas sites.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Bill be passed.

Queensland Government response

Recommendation 1 is noted.

The Queensland Government thanks the committee for its consideration of the Bill and notes the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends the Department of Justice consider publishing information clarifying how suicide deaths, mine dust lung disease related deaths, and deaths occurring during travel to and from a mining and resources site, would be investigated within the coronial framework and how these investigations intersect with existing regulatory powers.

Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government supports Recommendation 2.

The Department of Justice will develop and publish information and other supporting material to clarify the process under the coronial framework with respect to suicide deaths, mine dust lung disease related deaths, and deaths occurring during travel to and from a mining and resources site, and how a coronial investigation intersects with existing regulatory powers.