1. A Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared to assess the costs and benefits of options for the provision of technical expertise in contaminated land matters to inform regulatory decision making under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.
2. The RIS includes the option to require the certification of contaminated land reports by an approved auditor prior to submission to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection as evidence that any contamination has been suitably managed or remediated so that the land is suitable for its intended use.
3. The objectives of this proposal are to ensure the environmental and public health risks of contaminated land continue to be effectively and appropriately managed, and to modernise and improve the assessment and approval pathway for contaminated land management.
4. The proposal will provide a more streamlined approval process, reduced assessment timeframes, and a more agile service responsive to the fluctuations in market demand for technical assessment. It will also ensure the maintenance of specialised technical expertise in the management of contaminated land for mutually beneficial outcomes for proponents, the community and government.
5. A statutory framework for auditors has been created under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* for the approval and regulation of auditors. Under the Act, approved auditors can certify site investigation reports, validation reports and draft site management plans.
6. Cabinet approved the release of the *Consultation RIS on Technical Services for Contaminated Land* for public consultation.
7. *Attachments*
* [*Consultation RIS on Technical Services for Contaminated Land*](Attachments/RIS.pdf)