1. The safety and health of workers in Queensland’s mining sector is regulated under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* (CMSHA) and *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act* *1999* (MQSHA). These Acts establish mining sector specific safety and health obligations which are distinct from general workplace obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act).
2. The Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2017 (the Bill) amends the CMSHA and MQSHA to: improve transparency and accountability within the mining industry; improve safety and health management systems for mine workers; and strengthen the compliance and enforcement powers of the mine safety and health inspectorate.
3. Some elements of the Bill along with amendments to the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017* require explosive barriers in underground coal mines and will be subject to a post-introduction Decision Regulatory Impact Statement.
4. The Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis Select Committee released its exposure draft Mine Safety and Health Authority Bill 2017, which largely focusses on the organisational structure of a proposed Mine Safety and Health Authority.
5. The government submission to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee inquiry into the exposure draft Mine Safety and Health Authority Bill 2017 recommends amendments to the draft Bill, mostly in relation to technical and drafting issues, to avoid creating uncertainty in the existing mine safety and health regulatory framework.
6. Cabinet approved that the Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2017 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
7. Cabinet approved the government submission to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee inquiry into the exposure draft Mine Safety and Health Authority Bill 2017.
8. *Attachments*
* [Mines Legislation (Resources Safety) Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Queensland Government submission to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee inquiry into the exposure draft Mine Safety and Health Authority Bill 2017](Attachments/Submission.pdf)