1. In 2016, the Queensland Government commissioned the Queensland Treasury Corporation to review Queensland’s financial assurance framework.
2. The review made a number of recommendations to reduce Queensland’s exposure to the financial and environmental costs of managing land disturbed by resource activities.
3. In response to that investigation and to further support the transparency of abandoned mine site management in Queensland, the Abandoned Mines Management Policy has been developed with four primary purposes to make sites safe, secure, durable and, where possible, productive.
4. In 2017, the Queensland Government committed to investigating opportunities to improve the efficiency and timeliness of resource authority approval processes, and where possible, reduce the duplication between assessing agencies.
5. On 4 September 2018, through the Queensland Government’s ‘Get Involved’ website, interested persons were invited to make submissions on the commitment. Forty-four written submissions were received.
6. The *Resource authority regulatory efficiency and duplication: Investigation, outcomes and actions* consultation report summaries the results of the investigation, the actions that the government will implement in response to submissions as well as how individual submissions were considered.
7. Cabinet approved the public release of the Abandoned Mines Management Policy.
8. Cabinet approved the public release of the *Resource authority regulatory efficiency and duplication: Investigation, Outcomes and Actions*.
9. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Government Abandoned Mines Management Policy](Attachments/Policy.PDF)
* [*Resource authority regulatory efficiency and duplication: Investigation, Outcomes and Actions*](Attachments/Report.PDF)