

1 Mining lease objections review

SUMMARY PAPER 1

What our review is about

Our review is about how the Queensland Government makes a decision when miners ask for permission to mine. Queensland is at the start of its shared journey with Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples on the Path to Treaty. The Government says 'This path will move us forward, equally, on this land we share'. Our review will be one small part of this journey: we will make sure that it gives suggestions to the Government about working better with Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples to decide about **mining proposals**.

We understand that Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples have many special connections to Country, because of Aboriginal traditions and Ailan Kastom. In the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the special importance of Indigenous rights is clear. And the right to self-determination is important to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Queensland law about **mining** is mostly about encouraging mining, and making sure that mining projects are properly managed, and that they respect the way the land is used.

The Queensland law about the **environment** is about protecting it, and at the same time supporting ecologically sustainable development. This is development that helps to make the lives of present and future generations better, while also doing its best to look after the environment.

Our review is about changing how people can tell the Government what they think about **mining proposals**. We want to suggest changes that will make sure people are treated fairly and things are better. Part of our job is to think about native title and cultural heritage laws when we suggest changes for how people can make **objections to mining proposals**.

We will tell the Government about how native title and cultural heritage are connected to the way people can make **objections to mining proposals**. But the Government will decide if there are going to be any changes to these other laws.



Our 4 summary papers

- 1 Summary paper 1 (What our review is about)** explains what our review is about and how you can be part of it.
- 2 Summary paper 2 (Participation)** explains how people can let the Government know now what they think about **mining proposals**. It suggests some new ways that people might give their ideas to the Government. And it asks questions about the choices you think are good.
- 3 Summary Paper 3 (Decisions)** explains how the Government decides now about **mining proposals**. It also asks what you think about this.
- 4 Summary Paper 4 (Giving feedback about a decision)** is about when the Government has decided about **mining proposals**. It explains what people can do now about decisions they think are not good. And it asks for ideas about how this might be changed.

When you see a word with **i**, you can read where we explain it: on the paper called 'What do these words mean?'



Changing it to make it work better

We think these are some very important parts of our suggestions for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee:

Government needs to hear from Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Statutory criteria:

Government must think about the rights of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Independent Expert Advisory Panel:

This panel needs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experts and knowledge holders

Decisions:

When Government listens to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, they can make better decisions

We want to hear from you

We want to know what you think about our suggestions and questions, as well as anything else about telling the Government about **mining proposals**.

We know that Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples own their knowledge and stories about Country and culture. We know this information is very important and sometimes parts of it might be secret. You can tell us what is OK to do with your knowledge and stories.

You can let us know what you think:

Write or draw your ideas, or give us your ideas on an audio or video recording. You can send them to us by email or mail or upload them to our website.

We need to get your ideas by 13 September 2024

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There will also be meetings in August and September 2024 for people to tell us what they think. Information about these meetings will be on our website and social media channels and in our newsletters.

We will give our final report, with our suggestions for changes, to the Government by 30 June 2025.