

THE MINER'S RIGHT

The North Queensland Miner's Association Incorporated
Representing Miners, Prospectors and Associated Industries

November 2022

NQMA General Meeting 1PM, Monday 14th November 2022 – Mareeba Leagues Club

Presidents Report

The 2022 AGM was held at our September Meeting the following is your new committee for the next 12 months:

President: Fiona Thomas

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Additional executive members: Rai Pickering, Greg Guernier, Graham Byrne, Mike Scott and Buddy Kelly. Thank you to all that come back for another year!

After much time and effort by the Mining Claim holders and associations, there has been a win, by the Government deciding to NOT remove MCs from the Mineral Resources Act 1989! The moratorium on applications will be removed on the 24 November with MCs able to be applied for from 25th November. More in the newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great, safe and healthy Christmas Break, I'm not sure if this year has gone fast or slow but here we are at the end of 2022 already. NQMA will be taking a break after the November meeting and back again in February 2023. I want to especially thank the members that come along to the meetings or just read our Facebook posts. We appreciate the interactions. Although a small association in the scheme of things, I believe there is an important place in the Mining world for us and a voice in future mining matters, whatever they are.

Calendars are in the process of being printed and will be mailed out by the end of the year.

If there is anything that you would like NQMA to turn their attention to or to publish in the newsletter please email info@nqma.com.au

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Teams online meetings have been introduced to NQMA. If you can't make it to a meeting in person we now have the capacity to stream live into your office. If you would like to attend a meeting via TEAMS please send an email to info@nqma.com.au and we will send you a link! This is an easy process the link will open the app on the website and your computer will do the rest. We can help with what buttons to push if needed.

SPACE FILLER – JOKES on US

What did the rock do when it rolled down the road? It rock 'n' rolled.

What can't minerals lie? Because they're in their pure form.

Why do geologists tell old jokes? Because they dig them out!

Why was the geologist confused at the new mineral he discovered? Because its whereabouts weren't crystal clear.

Why don't the giant limestones like the smaller ones? Because they don't like small chalk.

What happened to the rock after continuous hours of interrogation? It finally cracked!

Why was the boulder unbothered by its broken piece? Because it was just a fragment of his existence!

What do you call a rock that complains? A whin-estone!

Mining Claims are to remain in the Mineral Resources Act!

The current moratorium on new mining claim applications will end on 24th November 2022. This doesn't mean that there are no changes to the legislation. Consultation is now open and I encourage Miners to go online and have a look at the proposed changes and have your say.

[Improve regulatory efficiency | Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan](#)

The Queensland Government supports the small-scale mining sector and the benefits it brings to many regions. However, a more effective system for regulating and administering the small-scale mining sector is needed.

The government received significant feedback on the draft QRIDP proposal to remove mining claims from Mineral Resources Act 1989 (MRA) and worked with stakeholders to refine options. In November 2022 the government made the decision to retain mining claims in the MRA, and to investigate options to enhance the regulatory framework and address key issues identified through the consultation process. Retaining and enhancing mining claims will help to address administrative inefficiencies and enable the government to conduct effective compliance activities, while continuing to support genuine small-scale miners and the local regional communities that benefit from this sector.

The government will seek feedback on proposed improvements to the mining claim framework via release of a discussion paper: "An enhanced regulatory framework for mining claims". Consultation is open until 24 February 2023. The moratorium on new mining claim applications will end on 24 November 2022.

Read more about the [proposed changes to mining claims](#).

Timeframe: 2021 - 2024

Lead: Department of Resources

Consultation is open

Have your say now →

Official Ministers Statement:

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Proposals back genuine small-scale miners

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Minister

for

Resources

The Honourable Scott Stewart

Queensland's small-scale miners will continue to operate mining claims as a suite of proposals hits the table to support genuine miners.

Resources Minister Scott Stewart said mining claims would remain in the state's mining laws and a moratorium on new claims would end as scheduled on November 24.

"The 12-month moratorium has served its purpose and allowed government to talk to communities, landholders and small-scale miners about the best way forward," Mr Stewart said.

"I would particularly like to acknowledge the valuable contribution that Mayor Kerry Hayes and the Central Highlands Regional Council have made throughout this process.

"We're proposing a suite of possible changes from these discussions over the past 12 months.

“Queensland has a long history of small-scale mining, particularly for opals, sapphires and other gemstones in central and western Queensland.

“These proposals aim to back genuine miners as well as delivering for everyone else related to small-scale mining – landholders, local communities, and local businesses.”

“The proposed changes also aim to address issues for local communities, such as claim holders building permanent structures and living on claims rather than mining them and holders abandoning sites, leaving them for the taxpayer to clean up.”

The proposed changes are available in the discussion paper released today.

Proposals include:

1. small-scale miners proving they can afford, and are equipped, to mine a claim before it's granted
2. clarifying what miners can do and what they can build on claims
3. fines for minor offences including untidy and unkempt sites
4. options for new fossicking areas.

The discussion paper also seeks input on how a transition would work for miners with existing mining claims.

Queensland has almost 2000 mining claims, most of them for hand-mining, and about 14 per cent for machinery mining. About 80 per cent of all claims are in the Central Queensland gemfields.

Over the past year the Queensland Government has also been working with the Central Highlands Regional Council on the joint planning study for the Gemfields region.

Consultation on the discussion paper is open until 24 February.

Visit <https://haveyoursay.resources.qld.gov.au/implement-reforms-for-small-scale-mining> for more information and details on how to comment on the proposals.

[ENDS]

.... If you want more consultation:

Resources safety and health legislative reforms

(copied from [Resources safety and health legislative reforms | Your say | Queensland Government \(getinvolved.qld.gov.au\)](#))

The Facilitating high reliability organisation behaviours in Queensland's resources sector and modernising regulatory enforcement Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (CRIS) reviews the resources sector safety and health laws, namely the:

- *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* (CMSHA)
- *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* (MQSHA)
- *Explosives Act 1999* (Explosives Act); and
- Safety related aspects of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (PG Act).

The Queensland Government is committed to achieving a strong resources sector.

The resources industry is a key driver of the Queensland economy, creating jobs and delivering a range of broader benefits for the State. The most important thing to come out of any workplace at the end of a shift is its workers and a strong resources sector depends on its industries having safe and healthy workplaces.

Following a series of fatal accidents and serious incidents in the mining and quarrying industries since 2018, there have been a number of reviews initiated by the Government. The Government's objective is to support the Queensland resources industry to protect workers through implementation of appropriate reforms to reduce the rates of serious accidents and fatalities.

The CRIS assesses the impacts of reform options, compared to the base case of maintaining the status quo. It identifies where the impacts of legislation changes may have a cost or benefit on the community, industry and Government.

Resources Safety and Health Queensland invites you to provide feedback on the recommended option - the package of preventive and proactive regulatory reforms for the Resources Safety Acts designed to reduce serious accidents and fatalities. This package responds to the recommendations from the reviews; modernises enforcement powers and contemporises the legislation. It also facilitates growth in high reliability organisational behaviours in the resources sector.

The CRIS is available here: <https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/about-us/resources/public-consultation>

Feedback closes at 5pm on 21 November 2022. Submissions can be made via the below survey link.

The CRIS will be open for public consultation for a period of approximately 60 days.

For a summarised list of all the recommended regulatory changes for the package of preventive and proactive regulatory reforms, please see Table 3 in the CRIS.

For a full list of questions, we have provided as a prompt to help provide feedback on this recommended option, please go to Appendix 1 within the CRIS document. Please provide your responses to the questions via the survey.

Answer an online survey

- [Consultation Questions](#)

We invite you to provide a written response to the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement: Facilitating high reliability organisation behaviours in Queensland's resources sector and modernising regulatory enforcement. Please review the CRIS prior to responding, available here: <https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/about-us/resources/public-consultation>

The infographic '05 Smart housing' features several categories of materials and their chemical symbols:

- Steel & concrete:** Fe (Iron), C (Carbon), Ni (Nickel), Mn (Manganese)
- IOT (Internet of Things):** Si (Silicon), Cu (Copper), Ta (Tantalum), Sn (Tin), In (Indium)
- Air conditioning:** Cu (Copper), Al (Aluminium), Zn (Zinc), Pt (Platinum)
- Hydroponics:** P (Phosphorus), K (Potassium)
- Smart whitegoods:** Fe (Iron), Ni (Nickel), Al (Aluminium), Cu (Copper)
- Point, cladding, plumbing:** Zn (Zinc), Ti (Titanium), Al (Aluminium), Cr (Chromium)

A quote from Statista states: "By 2025, IoT-connected devices globally will more than double to 30.9 billion units." The infographic also includes logos for Australian Mining, THE Futurist EDITION (Produced by the Minerals Council of Australia), and 30 things.

“The Miner”

as described in Angor to Zillmantown – stories of North Queensland's deserted towns – Colin Hooper

The first gold field in North Queensland was The Cape in 1868 and was decidedly rough with men from all nationalities and among them the scum of all the southern Gold Fields, By the 1920's the lawless element amongst them had all but evaporated.

This was because the rushes to the various fields, as time progressed brought more and more native-born miners. The miner first came after the gold but later on, as prices warranted, they moved on after tin and wolfram, then copper. Miners lived hard with starvation and fever as their constant companion, such as the disaster of the first rush on the Etheridge hold field in 1869 which, with the onset of the wet season completely cut off all re supply to this remote location. The first miners were, to a large extent, alluvial men but with the development of reefing districts, and especially the tin and copper mines, there developed a class of underground hard rock miners. Attendant with this were the accidents which filled the graveyards with youth. To be successful, the miner had to be resourceful in all the methods of winning ore from dry conditions to the ever-wet ranges in the jungle. To prospect successfully to find the mineral, he had to possess an intimate knowledge of rocks and their formations and mineral sand their associations. They also learnt how to read land forms, even to be able to identify such plants as Polycarpa, the “copper bush”, which grows only in soils of high copper concentration.

To many, the lure of mining was independence; the idea of working and providing for yourself without resorting to working for wages was irresistible for those whose forebears knew generations of poverty and servitude. Such was the atmosphere of the field. Those on wages always had a job; most of them were saving up to go on their own. The scratcher who would never look a wages job in the face was cheerily independent – young, medium and old – knowing that if lucky, he may strike a ‘patch’ of precious mineral, or traces. He followed the trace up towards the riverbed. If very lucky he discovers a new field. It is as simple as that.

But just you try it! You need a heart as big as a forest full of lions. To some, prospecting became far more important than developing a show and winning a fortune’ again the lure of new country and the unknown. It was certainly no life for the new chum, many of whom became slewed and perished, especially in the ranges of the west. By the 1940s and 1950s the unwritten conditions and honesty of the miner was such that a small miner could leave his lease for years with his ore at frass and his machinery still there and, on coming back, find all as he left it.

The miner died and went to heaven. He was greeted at the Pearly Gate by St Peter who said, Welcome, old timer. Your trials and tribulations are over. Just head on over to that ridge and stake out your claim.’ On looking at the ridge the miner saw it was alive with workings and other miners. Cupping his hands – to his mouth he cooed and yelled out; “hey, mates, there’s a new rush four miles this side of hades.” At this, all work stopped and, packing up their gear, the entire ridge filed out the pearly gates to the ‘new rush’. “That was cleaver” said St Peter “now you have the pick of the claims”. But the miner picked up his swag and turned back out the gates. “Be blowed”, he said, “I’m off to the new rush, there just might be gold there”.

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Disclaimer: While every effort is made to ensure that information provided in the Miners Right is correct, it should not be relied on when making decisions in relation for your business. The NQMA committee recommends that appropriate professional advice should be sought.

For anyone that had a GOLD TRIP on a Tuesday: [Evolution Mining](#)'s Cowl operation produced the gold that made the 2022 Melbourne Cup. After the gold has been produced the Cup takes around 250 hours to manufacture, using 44 hand-spun pieces of 18-carat gold.

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18 carat gold contains metal alloys such as:

29 Cu Copper	47 Ag Silver	30 Zn Zinc	28 Ni Nickel	26 Fe Iron Horse shoes
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Melbourne Cup 18 carat gold

79 Au Gold

Stainless steel
Bridle bits and buckles, stirrups and other equipment

14 Si Silicon	24 Cr Chromium	26 Fe Iron
25 Mn Manganese	28 Ni Nickel	6 C Carbon

24 Melbourne Cup

Victorian gold for the Cup
The 2021 Melbourne Cup was made from gold mined at Agnico Eagle's Fosterville mine in Victoria. Manufactured by ABC Bullion, the Melbourne Cup takes around 250 hours to produce using 44 hand-spun pieces of 18-carat gold. The iconic three-handled trophy was first presented to Cup winner Artilleryman in 1919.



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