

# Changes to the mineral industries regulations

## WORK PLAN REQUIREMENTS



From 1 July 2019, improvements to the risk management component of work plans were implemented.

### What are the changes?

The regulations set out the information to be included in work plans, including the risk management plan. As part of the ongoing program to improve regulatory practice, there were changes to clarify the requirements for the identification, assessment and management of risks in the new regulations.

**The risk management plan templates in the work plan guidelines for exploration and mining licences have been updated to reflect the changed requirements in the new regulations.**

These changes are being implemented under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations 2019.

### What do I have to do differently?

The changes relating to the risk management component of work plans include:

- Clarifying that the risk management plan must include performance standards;
- Adding requirements related to sensitive receptors to include an explanation of how a hazard may harm or damage a sensitive receptor including evidence to support the assessment; and
- Adding a requirement to outline roles and responsibilities of personnel accountable for the implementation, management and review of the risk management plan (this replaces the previous requirement to specify arrangements for reporting on performance against all the specified objectives, standards and acceptance criteria).

### When do the changes take place?

**The changes apply to new work plans or work plan variations lodged on or after 1 July 2019.**

Changes to the requirements for rehabilitation plans will also apply from 1 July 2020. Further information is available on the *Rehabilitation Plan Requirements* fact sheet.

### For further information

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