

Changes to the extractive industries regulations

WORK PLAN REQUIREMENTS



From 26 January 2020, improvements to the risk management component of work plans will apply.

What are the changes?

The regulations set out the information to be included in work plans, including for risk management. As part of the ongoing regulatory improvements, there are new requirements for the identification, assessment and management of risks.

The risk management plan templates in the [Preparation of Work Plans and Work Plan Variations - Guideline for Extractive Industry Projects](#) will be updated to reflect the changed requirements in the new regulations.

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

What do I have to do differently?

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

- Adding requirements relating to sensitive receptors. This includes 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 26 Jan 2020.

Changes to the requirements for rehabilitation plans will apply from 1 July 2021.

Further information is available on the *Rehabilitation Plan Requirements* fact sheet.

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