



**Hon Bill Johnston MLA  
Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services;  
Industrial Relations**

Our Ref: 71-29047

Your Ref: A995517 Petition No. 054

Hon Peter Foster MLC  
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Dear Mr Foster

**PETITION NO. 054 – MINING ACT 1978**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 November 2022 regarding my 9 November 2022 letter regarding petition No. 054.

I can provide confirmation to the members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs that regular feedback and commentary on the *Mining Act 1978* (the Act) and the *Mining Regulations 1981* (Regulations) is welcomed.

Matters relating to the Act and the Regulations are reviewed and ruled on through administrative mechanisms via the Wardens Court and judicial review before courts. Government, departmental, and wider government agency and public sector policy initiatives, including public forums such as the Resource Industry Consultative Committee, are also key in the process.

As mentioned in my 9 November 2022 letter, the Act and the Regulations currently have provisions for notice requirements as well as for the protection of environmental and conservation areas, which manage the development of the State's mineral resources with the need to protect sensitive areas.

There is currently no proposal before Parliament to amend the Act or Regulations in a way suggested by the petition No. 054, namely notice requirements for all land holders, the lodgement of objections and statutory exclusion zones.

Any such amendments that may be proposed in the future would require consultation with all relevant stakeholders in the community, including the resources industry, government agencies and environment and conservations groups to ensure the success of the resources industry continues in a safe and responsible manner.

Yours sincerely

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