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**DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE**

**Mine safety management system**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUBMISSION**

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) is seeking public comment on the draft Code of practice: Mine safety management system (the draft code). Under the new WHS (Mines) Regulations it will be a requirement for the mine operator to prepare, implement and maintain a mine safety management system (MSMS) for a mine/exploration operation.

The draft code provides practical guidance on establishing and implementing the MSMS for a mine. The MSMS is the primary means of ensuring the safe operation of a mine. It brings together a number of plans, procedures and policies to enable a mine operator to follow a systematic approach to establishing and maintaining an effective system to manage health and safety, including:

* risk management
* principal mining hazard management plans
* contractor management
* reviewing and auditing of the MSMS.

The draft code has been developed based upon the following guidance material produced by NSW Resources Regulator – Code of Practice: Safety management systems in mines and Guide: Preparing a principal mining hazard management plan.

The Mining Industry Advisory Committee (MIAC) have approved the draft code for public consultation. The Department seeks your comments about the draft code from Friday 15 October 2021 to Friday 10 December 2021.

**Submissions close: 5.00 pm WST, Friday 10 December 2021.**

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