1. The safety and health of workers in Queensland’s resources industries is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.
2. Following the re-identification of Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis (CWP) in 2015, a Parliamentary Select Committee was established to conduct an inquiry and report into CWP in coalmine workers in Queensland. A key recommendation of the Select Committee was to establish an independent regulator.
3. The Resources Safety and Health Queensland Bill 2019 (the Bill) proposes to:
* establish an independent statutory body as the regulator for resources safety and health in Queensland; and
* amend the existing Resources Safety legislation (being *the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*, *the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999,* the *Explosives Act 1999* and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*, and their respective regulations) to:
	+ provide for the position of commissioner for resources safety and health
	+ expand the remit of existing statutory advisory groups
	+ define serious offences under each of the Acts
	+ allow for the independent Work Health and Safety Prosecutor to bring proceedings for serious offences under those Acts
	+ make minor amendments to update terminology.
1. These changes respond to stakeholder feedback and aim to provide a regulatory environment that:
* engenders worker trust
* ensures appropriate independence and transparency
* enhances the independent oversight of the performance of the regulator
* identifies and is consistent with approaches to ensure risks in the resources industries are at acceptable levels.
1. Cabinet approved that the Resources Safety and Health Queensland Bill 2019 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Resources Safety and Health Queensland Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)