



Single Resources Regulator for NSW

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The Department for Industry today announced an internal restructure to create a Resources Regulator to undertake compliance and enforcement of a broad range of activities within the resources sector.

The new regulator provides a formal separation between the teams responsible for regulatory oversight of the sector from those with an industry development focus. This provides for a very clear differentiation between the regulatory and development arms with the objective of increasing transparency and community confidence.

Mining is an essential industry for NSW, generating tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in royalties for the state. The State has an important role to support it and ensure that it continues to develop and grow, but within the parameters of an effective regulatory regime that protects the interests of those employed in the industry, the community, the environment and the investors in the sector.

The new Resources Regulator will be headed up by Chief Compliance Officer Lee Shearer who will report directly to the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Simon Smith. The Industry Development team will continue to report into the Deputy Secretary of Resources of Energy, Kylie Hargreaves.

An advisory committee will also be established to oversight and advise on major enforcement actions, providing confirmation to the community that these matters are conducted under law and without fear or favour.

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of the Secretary of the Department of Industry, the Chief Compliance Officer, the NSW Land & Water Commissioner, the General Counsel for the Department of Industry and an experienced independent former regulator.

Stakeholders who have an interest or obligations in relation to compliance and regulation of the mining sector will liaise with the same contacts within the Department, but should be aware of the change of name and reporting lines.