

## FACT SHEET

### Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Bill 2011

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- This Bill is one of a package of Bills developed to give effect to the national model work health and safety laws in Tasmania.
- The purpose of this Bill is to repackage and preserve Tasmania's laws on mine safety when new, nationally harmonised work health and safety laws come into effect.
- The *Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions Bill) 2011* will repeal the existing *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995*, and with it, Tasmania's mine safety laws.
- Although a mine safety chapter of the Model Work Health and Safety Regulations has been drafted, the chapter is not finalised.
- There will therefore be no mine safety chapter when Tasmania's new work health and safety laws are expected to come into effect on 1 January 2012.
- This Bill preserves and repackages Tasmania's existing mine safety laws, allowing them to operate alongside and in conjunction with the provisions delivered by the *Work Health and Safety Bill 2011*.