

Model Work Health and Safety Regulations for Mining - Public Comment Response Form

Individual/Organisational name: Local Government Insurances Services	
Regulations Chapter 9: Mines	
Part 9.1	
Regulation	Comment
9.1.2	<p>Under the current WA Mines Safety Inspection Act (s 4 definition of mining operations), local government are specifically excluded from the definition of mining operations when the local government is excavating sand, gravel, limestone or rock for use by the local government. Such an exemption does not exist under the Model WHS regulations regarding mining, where mining operations include extracting minerals from the ground where minerals include sand, stone, gravel and rock.</p> <p>Without the current exemption, the legal obligations of local governments for WHS will be extended. The implication of having the majority of activities of the local government covered in the general Work Safety and Health Regulations, and only 1 part of the business covered by the mining regulations will require additional resources and time to be spent in compliance; which is not justified by the low risk of the activity. The Model WHS Regulations for Mining Appendix Jurisdictional notes- 9.1.1 states Jurisdictions may define "mine" by referring to local legislation. We would recommend that in WA the current local definition of mine, including mining operations continue, as our information is that local government extraction of sand and gravel is low risk and does not involve use of blasting or explosives. Consultation has occurred with the Local Government Supervisors Association of WA who agrees with this view.</p>
Part 9.2	
Regulation	Comment
Part 9.3	
Regulation	Comment
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