

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

Individual/Organisational name: Civil Contractors Federation

The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) is the member based representative body of civil engineering contractors in Australia providing assistance and expertise in contractor development and industry issues.

Through our Federation we represent 2000 small, medium and large sized contractors who in turn work in an industry of some 350,000 people. Our members are involved in a variety of projects and activities including the development and maintenance of civil infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams, wharves, commercial and housing land development. As such they have a real and live interest in occupational health and safety issues.

Regulations Chapter 9: Mines
Part 9.1

Regulation	Comment
	<p>CCF members as civil contractors are in the business of earthworks. This can take a number of forms as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Excavation, Trench Excavation and Bulk Excavation works associated with building or civil works. • Excavation works associated with open pit, or borrow pits where by materials (Rock, Limestone, Gypsum, Sand and Gravel, Clay) for civil works are excavated. • Sand, Gypsum, Limestone, Gravel and Rock Quarries. <p>Many Civil Construction members and particularly SMEs in regional Australia have raised significant concern in relation to the present drafting of the Mining Regulations in that the definition of mining used incorporates by default the above activities which is clearly inappropriate.</p> <p>The ambiguity in the Mining Regulations should be addressed by adjusting the “definition of mining” to clearly define that it does not embrace these activities mentioned above. The state legislations (e.g. Victoria and Western Australia) contain such a definition in relation to mining. An alternate solution is to clarify that the regulations do not apply to extractive industry activities commonly identified as quarries (rock, gravel, gypsum, lime etc) and pits (sand, clay) and excavation pertaining to civil construction.</p>

Part 9.2

Regulation	Comment

Part 9.3	
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Other Comments	

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