MINING POLICY REFORM TO HELP RESTORE BALANCE

Planning Minister Rob Stokes today announced the State’s mining policy will be changed to ensure economic, environmental and social considerations are appropriately balanced when considering mining projects.

The proposed reforms were on exhibition in July and received more than 2,400 submissions, 98 per cent of which supported the proposed amendment.

Mr Stokes said the community overwhelmingly supported the reform.

“Mining plays an important role in the NSW economy, however we must ensure that our policies reflect the importance of balance in assessing the likely impacts of mining developments,” Mr Stokes said.

“A crucial pillar of our planning system is that decision makers consider environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in their assessment of development applications.

“As with all development, it is critical that there is a balanced consideration of all impacts of developments on local communities, broader regions and the State.”

The policy will come into effect on Wednesday 2 September. A report outlining the amendment to the Mining SEPP and the submissions that were made will be published online on the same day.

Details of the policy can be found at: