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DRAFT CHANGE TO MINING POLICY ON EXHIBITION

The NSW Government today released a proposed amendment to the Mining SEPP, which would remove a provision making the significance of the resource the principle consideration under the Mining SEPP when determining mining projects.

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 is otherwise known as the Mining SEPP.

Planning Minister Rob Stokes said the draft amendment reflects the legislative requirement for decision makers to consider the likely environmental, social and economic impacts of a mining development.

“The protection of the environment and the promotion of the social and economic welfare of the community have always been objects of planning legislation,” Mr Stokes said.

“The careful deliberation of environmental, economic and social issues is fundamental to good planning.

“This proposed amendment reflects the importance of balance in assessing the likely impacts of mining developments.”

To view the draft amendment and to make a submission, please visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition.

A complete review of the Mining SEPP is currently underway and will be subject to public consultation later this year.

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