The NSW Department of Planning and Environment today announced the publication of two final Integrated Mining Policy guidelines.

The Integrated Mining Policy aims to:

- ensure the community has access to relevant and timely information about mining projects
- provide industry and the community with clarity about expectations regarding mining assessments
- improve the regulation and assessment of major mining projects
- help manage the environmental and social impacts of mining.

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said the policy helped address concerns about the complexity of the system for assessing major mining projects.

“The Integrated Mining Policy helps make the system simpler by clarifying the Department’s expectations, ensuring rigour in assessments and maintaining high standards of community consultation,” the spokesperson said.

The two parts of the Integrated Mining Policy released today are:

- **Indicative Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements** that outline common assessment requirements that proposed mining operations must address in the Environmental Impact Statement as part of a development application
- **Annual Review Guideline** that brings together the annual reporting requirements of the Division of Resources and Energy and the Department of Planning and Environment into a single, concise document.

Stage 1 and 2 of the Integrated Mining Policy were exhibited for public comment in mid-2015. The final guidelines took these comments into account and the document has been amended where appropriate.

Guidelines for the economic assessment of mining and coal seam gas proposals are currently on exhibition until 24 November.


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