



COMMUNIQUE

19 February 2025

Code of Practice: Road and traffic management WA mines

The Chief Inspector of Mines tabled the draft *Code of Practice: Road and traffic management WA mines*.

The content of the Code of Practice was discussed by MAPAC, noting it was relatively easy to read and follow. MAPAC recommended sections of the Code of Practice on journey management plans to be expanded to include worksite travel incidents, and light vehicles to include a reference to NCAP ratings, airbags, safety system, or in-vehicle monitoring systems.

It is expected that the *Code of Practice: Road and traffic management WA mines* will be endorsed for a three-month public consultation following the conclusion of the Government caretaker period.

Further discussion was had on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve readability of Codes of Practice. The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) confirmed it is exploring opportunities to utilise AI in the future to assist in the usability and readability of Codes of Practice.

MAPAC Publication priority list

WorkSafe provided an update on the current publication priority list.

MAPAC was advised that the Chair had met with General Manager Information and Stakeholder Engagement and WorkSafe Commissioner who agreed the Accommodation Code would be broadened beyond mining and resources to address concerns raised in other sectors.

Use of earthmoving equipment as a crane

MAPAC supported the national review of crane licences being considered by SafeWork Australia. The discussion emphasised the importance of having earth-moving licensing conducted by an independent person and maintaining the stringent competency requirements.

Workplace exposure standard for diesel particulate matter

MAPAC continues to monitor discussions around proposed changes workplace exposure standard (WES) for diesel particulate matter (DPM), particularly the difficulty to measure low levels. MAPAC is awaiting the issues paper being developed by the Work Health and Safety Commission to enhance understanding of the matter and inform its decision regarding the WES for DPM in mining.

Legislation Update

Class exemption – Regulation 246

Exemption 23 and 25 of 2023 allow for items of plant to be used for a period of up to 30 days following an application for registration being made to the regulator until 30 March 2025.

An extension of the current exemption is being considered to 30 June 2025.

WorkSafe Safety Education update

Two posters: *How to take action as a bystander witnessing sexual harassment* and *Work Health and Safety approach to preventing work sexual harassment* have been published. [How to take action as a bystander witnessing sexual harassment: Poster - WorkSafe – DEMIRS](#) & [A work health and safety approach to preventing workplace sexual harassment: Poster - WorkSafe – DEMIRS](#)

Positive feedback on the elevated work platform animation was received.

MAPAC noted that Government caretaker provisions currently prevent any updates to social media or publications released. WorkSafe Safety Education is focusing on projects to progress post-election.

Mine Statutory Positions

MAPAC acknowledged the work of WorkSafe to accommodate additional Mine Statutory Position examinations. It was noted that examinations are currently underutilised, with attendance at approximately 50 per cent. Seats and examination frequency may be reduced if attendance rates do not improve. Industry is encouraged not to wait as no further extension to the transitional period will be made.

The Mines Statutory Positions FAQs have been expanded and are available on the WorkSafe website. [Frequently asked questions for mines statutory examinations - WorkSafe – DEMIRS](#)

NEXT MEETING 16 April 2025