

Coal Mines (General) Amendment (Plans and Information) Regulation 2001

under the

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1982

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Coal Mines Regulation Act 1982*.

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Minister for Mineral Resources

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Coal Mines (General)* Regulation 1999:

- (a) to enable the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines to supply copies of plans and other information relating to the nature or extent of mine workings to members of the public, and
- (b) to provide that a requirement to notify a mine owner when documents or information about the mine workings have been provided under that Regulation to another person does not apply in cases where, after reasonably diligent inquiry, the mine owner cannot be identified or cannot be found.

This Regulation is made under the *Coal Mines Regulation Act 1982*, including section 174 (the general regulation-making power), and in particular section 174 (2) (hhh) and (iii).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Coal Mines (General) Amendment (Plans and Information) Regulation 2001*.

2 Amendment of Coal Mines (General) Regulation 1999

The *Coal Mines (General) Regulation 1999* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

3 Notes

The explanatory note does not form part of this Regulation.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

[1] Clause 68 Furnishing of documents and information

Insert after clause 68 (2):

(2A) Subclause (2) does not apply in a case in which, because the mine is an abandoned mine or from any other cause, the identity or whereabouts of the mine owner cannot, after reasonably diligent inquiry, be established.

[2] Clause 68A

Insert after clause 68:

68A Public may request certain information

- (1) The Chief Inspector may, either unconditionally or subject to conditions, supply to any person on written request:
 - (a) a copy of any plan, section or drawing of mine workings, and
 - (b) any information relevant to such a plan, section or drawing,

in so far as it relates to the nature or extent of mine workings beneath or adjacent to any land that is expressly referred to in the request.

- (2) The Chief Inspector must inform the owner of a mine in writing of the name and address of any person who is supplied with a copy of a plan, section or drawing of, or any information in relation to, the mine workings.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply in a case in which, because the mine is an abandoned mine or from any other cause, the identity or whereabouts of the mine owner cannot, after reasonably diligent inquiry, be established.
- (4) Subclause (1) applies only to documents and information in the possession or under the control of the Department.

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