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NEW MINING LEASE STANDARDS TO CUT DUPLICATION

The NSW Government has amended its mining lease standards to reduce duplication, cut red tape and improve regulatory outcomes.

In an announcement today, Resources Minister Chris Hartcher said the changes are part of a range of actions the Government is taking to minimise the costs of doing business in NSW and boost investment certainty.

“Let me be clear, the strong environmental and community protections for all mining leases still apply,” Mr Hartcher said.

“These changes are about reducing unnecessary and often confusing duplication across agencies. This in effect streamlines approvals for the resources sector at-large, reduces the cost to businesses and improves business confidence.

“The NSW Government is deeply committed to growing our economy for the benefit of NSW residents. Ensuring the regulatory environment in which businesses must operate is efficient and streamlined is important to help attract new investment to this State.

“We have listened to industry, taken a look at our processes and are applying a sensible approach to regulation.”

The changes will see the number of conditions for future standard coal mining leases reduced from 24 to nine and for other future mining leases reduce from 23 to eight.

The NSW Government has also implemented new service delivery standards for the processing of applications under the *Mining Act* that has seen an improvement in processing times, providing industry with greater certainty to better manage their operations around standard timeframes.