

# **Standing Committee on Legislation - inquiry into the Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015**

## **SUBMISSION TITLE**

### **Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 will increase red tape and hardship on small Prospectors and Miners**

**Submission by:**

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#### **A brief outline of the authors background relevant to this inquiry:**

Mr. Setnik is an active and current prospector for over 30 years and tenement holder in WA, starting in 1982, and an active member of the Amalgamated Prospectors & Leaseholders Association (APLA).

#### **General background to this submission**

I like to raise my concerns about the proposed environmental provisions contained within the Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015. Contrary to the intended simplification and clarification with the insertion of 'Part IVAA —Environmental management' it appears to be rather more confusing, and therefore time-consuming for the small Prospector and Miner, to comply with the over the top bureaucracy. Which means that countless hours will be lost with paperwork, which could otherwise be spent in the field contributing to WA's wealth.

Furthermore, these changes seem to be utterly pointless, since the environmental compliance rate according to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) is 97%, which is more or less as close to perfect as it can be.

#### **The case supporting this submission**

My own experience as leaseholder and observations when reading through the 15 pages Explanatory Memorandum to the Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (EM+128-1.pdf), the 66 pages Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (Current Bill Bill128-2.pdf), as well as the Speech Bill, and lots of other information about the proposed changes to the Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

#### **Supporting evidence**

Documentary evidence for this statement will be provided in many other submissions to this committee.

### **Brief Summary and Conclusion**

The proposed changes to the Environmental provisions as written in the Current Bill (Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015) will be a burden on the small scale Prospectors and Miners and if implemented as they are would in many instances cause them to vacate the Mining Industry. The Environmental footprint of a small scale prospector and miner is in relation to big Mining Companies non existent, and therefore the paper-trail that comes with it should be in relation to the footprint and not in excess of it.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ . Date 24/03/2016  
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