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Media Release

Draft guide to address adverse vehicle interactions at mine sites released for comment

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A draft Technical Reference Guide (TRG) to help address adverse vehicle interactions in the NSW mining industry has been released for comment.

The draft *TRG - Roads or other vehicle operating areas principal hazard management plan for surface and open cut mining operations* was developed by NSW Resources in consultation with the Adverse Vehicle Interactions Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the NSW Minerals Council, Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia, the Mining and Energy Union and the Australian Workers Union.

Industry is invited to provide feedback on the draft TRG with consultation open for five weeks from 3 February to 9 March 2025.

Chief Inspector, Anthony Margetts, says the consultation process will help ensure the draft TRG is fit for purpose.

“The TRG uses a layered approach to achieve safe operating states for mobile plant and is being developed to ensure compliance with mine operators’ legislative requirements to avoid adverse vehicle interactions,” Mr Margetts said.

“Adverse vehicle interactions are a significant hazard on roads and other vehicle operating areas in mining operations, with the potential to cause fatalities and serious injury.”

Mr Margetts said NSW mine operators are required to eliminate risks to workers or when risks cannot be eliminated ensure they are controlled as low as is reasonably practicable.

“Hazard identification, risk assessment and control are critical steps in ensuring safe work systems and a safe work environment,” Mr Margetts said.

“This guide will ensure mine operators and individual workers are given practical information that will make everyday tasks safer to carry out.”

To find out more and provide your feedback visit https://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/mining-vehicle-interactions.
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