# Quarry & Gravel Pits Roles and Responsibilities

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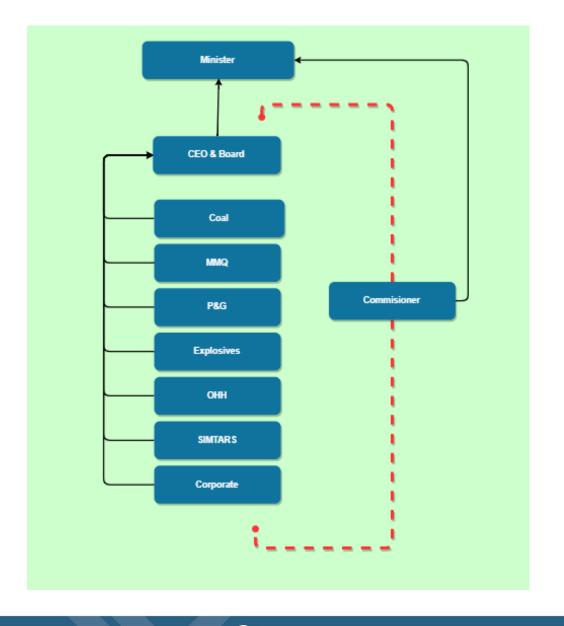
# Introduction

- Who is RSHQ
- Mines, Quarries, Gravel Pits and Sand Extraction
- Obligations & Responsibilities
- Inspectorates focus



# Who is RSHQ

- Statutory Body
- Formed on 01 July 2020
- Reports directly to Minister
- Commissioner
- 4 regulators, 2 service & Corporate
- MMQ
  - Mines & Quarries



#### **Operations**

- Exploration
- Winning
- Winning & Treating

Minerals or Hard Rock

Extracting Loading Transporting

crushing concentrating storing smelting

electrowinning leaching processing disposal

construction erecting maintaining

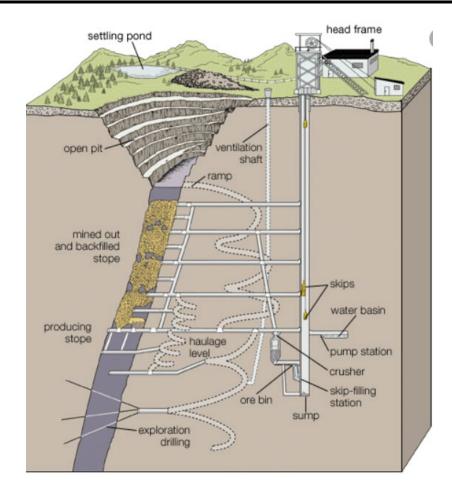
demolishing dams excavations buildings

machinery equipment rehabilitation



#### Mine

Operations on a Mining Tenure (Minerals)





#### Quarry

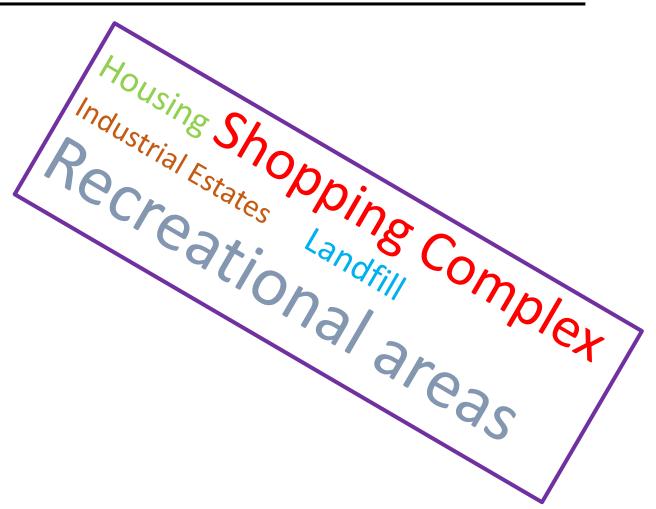
Operations to produce construction or Road building material



#### **Not a Quarry**

Operations are for construction work (Definition WHSR 2011)

If quarry material is used at the construction site and the quarry is at the site or adjoining/contiguous (not transport off site or no public access between extraction and use)





#### **Not a Quarry**

Gravel Pits/Borrow pits

If gravel is free dug and not crushed (may be ripped up for extraction but no use of explosives)



#### **Not a Quarry**

Sand Extraction

If sand if free dug from a river and not crushed



#### Mines & Quarries

Web links

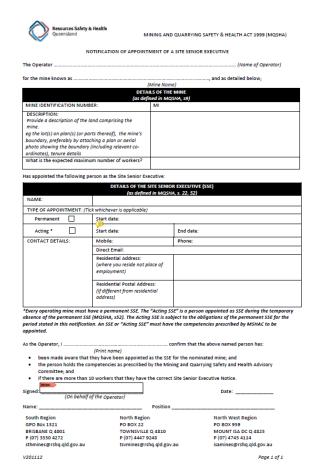
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#### **Notifications**

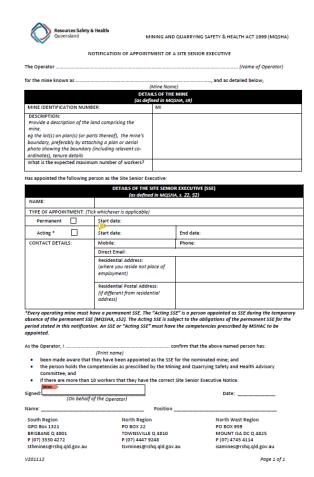
- Who is Operator
  - Corporation
- Who will be Site Senior Executive (SSE)
- Name and Description of Quarry
- Facility Description





#### **Key Obligation Holders**

- Operator
- Officers of Corporations
- SSE
- Workers
- Contractors





#### **Operator**

- Provide a safe place of work and safe plant
- Appoint a competent SSE
- Ensure SSE has an effective SHMS
- Provide adequate resources



#### Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999

Current as at 7 September 2020



#### **Officers of Corporations**

- Due diligence
- Keep up to date
- Understand
- resources
  - Verify their use
- Respond



and Health Act 1999

Current as at 7 September 2020



#### SSE

- Develop & implement SHMS
  - Management Structure
- Give contractors information
- Review & integrate contractor S&H management plan (supervise and monitor)
- Report matters to inspectorate

Planning Organisation leadership
Control Critical work supervision
Competencies monitoring review
Working environment Procedures
Equipment installations
Inspections Contractor Management
Inductions Training Risk Management
Incident Investigation
Management Structure Reporting



#### **Contractors**

- Complies with MQSHA
- Complies to Quarries SHMS
- Give SSE a S&H management plan
- Change plan to ensure it can be integrated into SHMS



#### Worker

- Complies with MQSHA
- Complies to Quarries SHMS
- Share information
- Reasonable action
- Control, supervise or lead safely

- Participate in Risk management
- Comply with instructions
- Be fit for work
- Don't do anything wilfully or reckless



#### MMQ Focus Areas

- SAFR reduction in quarry sector
- HPI reporting, investigation quality and control effectiveness
- Operator effectiveness audits



### Focus Area - SAFR reduction in quarry sector

- SAFR in quarry sector is significantly higher than elsewhere in industry
- Correlation between SA and HPI data suggests underreporting of HPIs
- What are we focused on:
  - Attending sites of serious accidents
  - Improving SA information sharing
  - Reinforcing and supporting an industry incident reporting culture



### Focus Area - Investigations and control effectiveness

- Investigation quality has a direct impact on effectiveness of learning
- What are we focused on:
  - Ensure SHMS provides for incident reporting and investigation
  - Improving investigation quality, control effectiveness and implementation



### Focus Areas - Operator effectiveness audits

- Operators audits are important to ensure that site SHMS are developed, adequately resourced and effective
- What are we focused on:
  - Assessing how operators audits are confirming the effectiveness of the site SHMS
  - Ensure that identified improvements are resourced and implemented



### MMQ Health Regulation amendments

- Regulations require respiratory health surveillance for mineral mine and quarry workers, to include chest x-ray and spirometry
- QGL04 Guideline for respiratory health surveillance of workers in Queensland mineral mines and quarries has been developed
- SSEs have until 1 September 2022 to ensure workers have undergone an examination that meets the new requirements.
- Further information and support can be found online at <a href="https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/miners-health-matters">https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/miners-health-matters</a>



# **Brady Heywood Review – Summary of Regulator Recommendations**

**Recommendation 7:** Collate, analyse, identify, and disseminating the lessons learned from the incident and fatality data

**Recommendation 8:** Develop a simplified incident reporting system that encourages and supports incident reporting

**Recommendation 10:** Adopt the Serious Accident Frequency Rate as a measure of safety in the industry.

**Recommendation 11:** Utilise the High Potential Incident Frequency Rate as a measure of reporting culture in the industry.





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