

# **Mining and the EPBC Act nuclear action trigger**

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## **MINING AND THE EPBC ACT NUCLEAR ACTION TRIGGER**

The presentation will discuss the EPBC Act and the application of the nuclear actions trigger with respect to mining, including both uranium and non-uranium mining.

The presentation will draw on the review conducted by Lachlan Wilkinson of JBS&G Consultants, commissioned by the Minerals Council of Australia and released in 2018.

The review concluded that:

- there is a strong case for uranium mining to be removed from the nuclear action trigger
- that the Commonwealth's resources could be better directed to working with state/territory governments through ARPANSA to ensure assessment of radiological aspects of uranium mining continues to reflect world best practice and uniform approaches are applied across Australia, and
- that there is a need to review the provisions in the EPBC Act and Regulations relating to large scale disposal/storage facilities for radioactive waste to ensure they are focused on nuclear activities. This should be done by specifically excluding facilities that only contain Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM).