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National Mine Safety Framework - implementation

The National Mine Safety Framework (NMSF) aims to achieve a nationally consistent occupational health and safety regime for the Australian mining industry. The implementation of the NMSF will improve the safety of workers, the efficiency of occupational health and safety regulation and monitoring, the capacity to identify health and safety trends in the industry, and the mobility of the workforce throughout Australia.

The NMSF consists of seven strategies, focussed on key areas where consistency across jurisdictions would be most beneficial to the industry. The seven strategies are: a nationally consistent legislative framework; competency support; compliance support; a nationally coordinated enforcement protocol; consistent and reliable data collection and analysis; effective consultation mechanisms; and a collaborative approach to research.

The NMSF has been in development since 2002, initially by the Chief Inspectors of Mines and since July 2006 by the tripartite NMSF Steering Group, which was established by the Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources (MCMPR) in November 2005. The NMSF Steering Group is chaired by the Hon Clive Brown (former Western Australian Minister for State Development) and comprises representatives of all State/Northern Territory and Australian Governments, industry associations, relevant trade unions, and the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

The NMSF Steering Group developed implementation plans for each of the seven NMSF strategies through a consultative process involving all major stakeholders and including two rounds of national public consultations in 2007 and 2008. The strategies were finalised in the NMSF Implementation Report, which was endorsed by MCMPR on 28 October 2008 and by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 30 April 2009.

The Australian Government has committed \$3.3 million over four years commencing 2009-10, for the implementation of the NMSF, with the States and the Northern Territory also pledging substantial funding to ensure the goals of the NMSF are realised. The implementation of the NMSF will continue to be overseen by the tripartite NMSF Steering Group, reporting to MCMPR.