

AUSTRALIA MINING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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Australia's mining law is complex, with nine regulatory frameworks for each state and territory, plus federal regulations. Non-compliance can result in fines exceeding AUD 50 million annually, underscoring the significant financial impact of regulatory breaches. Understanding and adhering to these laws is crucial for legal conformity and maintaining operational integrity in the mining industry.

The certified program offers a comprehensive exploration of Australia's mining legislation and regulations, providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the legal frameworks governing this critical sector. The program delves into the complexities of the Australian federal structure and the interplay between federal and state/territory legislation, shedding light on the varying mining laws across different jurisdictions. You will gain insights into the essential elements and formal requirements of mineral ownership and mining tenement regimes, including exceptions and the impact of electronic contracting. The program will also examines the principles and administration processes of mining rights, a cornerstone of Australian mining law, along with its allocation, transfer provisions, and limitations.

You will also learn the legal framework governing environmental compliance, Aboriginal heritage, native title rights, and the social license to operate, including the unique challenges of land access agreements, Indigenous land rights, native title claims, and community engagement. Occupational health and safety regulations are examined in detail, with a focus on new changes, civil and criminal liabilities, and mitigation strategies.

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Furthermore, the program addresses compliance systems, mandatory reporting requirements, regulator investigations, strategic dispute preparation, management, negotiation tools, litigation strategies, and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. The legal aspects of mining project development, from raising capital and feasibility studies to construction contracts, managing defects, and security of payment, are also covered. Finally, you will explore insolvency in mining and exploration, understanding rights and responsibilities, statutory demands, liquidation, and creditor meetings, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the legal landscape governing the Australian mining sector.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will attain the Certification in Australia Mining Laws and Regulations. This distinguished certification will enhance your professional qualifications, demonstrating your expertise in developing a robust compliance framework aligned with Australia mining legislation. Globally demanded and recognized, the certification holds lifelong validity and will underscore your expertise in the Australian mining law amplifying your professional credentials.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program





YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR

Rory Lang

Award Winning Mining Legal Expert

Rory Lang is a distinguished legal practitioner and director at Asia Pacific Legal (APL), specializing in corporate, commercial, employment, energy, and resources law. With over fourteen years of experience, he has held senior roles at major firms such as Duane Morris LLP and Minter Ellison LLP, and **served as senior legal counsel for Rio Tinto and Gold Fields**. He has also contributed to academia and Indigenous land rights, working with a leading university and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, and has served as counsel to the Australian Embassy in Mongolia.

Rory's credentials include admission to the Supreme Court of Western Australia and the Federal and High Courts of Australia. His expertise is recognized through numerous accolades, including being named a Recommended Lawyer by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, a Next Generation Lawyer, a Rising Star Lawyer by Asia Law, and Corporate & Commercial Lawyer of the Year by Finance Monthly Global Awards. Rory is also a member of the Law Society of Western Australia, continuing to shape the legal landscape through his leadership and expertise.



Daniel Morris

Award Winning Litigation Expert

Daniel Morris is a Senior Legal Consultant at Asia Pacific Legal, where he leads the firm's litigation, projects, and investigations practice. With over 20 years of experience, Daniel provides expert legal advice and litigation services including to clients from the mining industry. His extensive background includes **advising on commercial disputes**, **complex contracts**, **and intellectual property matters related to mining operations**.

Daniel is well-versed in all aspects of litigation and dispute resolution, having successfully represented clients in trials and appeals in every Western Australian Court, including the WA Court of Appeal, the State Administrative Tribunal, and private arbitrations. His achievements include winning the Brooking Prize and receiving a High Commendation from the Society of Construction Law Australia. As an esteemed lecturer, Daniel has taught law at several universities and has coached and judged the WA Law Society's School Mock Trial competition. He frequently presents to various professional and industry audiences, such as the WA Building Commission, Legalwise, and the Civil Contractors' Federation.

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- Lesson 1 Australia's Mining Laws and Regulations
- Lesson 2 Key Legal Frameworks at Both Federal and State Levels
- Lesson 3 Ownership of Minerals and Australia's Mining Tenement Regime

MODULE 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL, ABORIGINAL HERITAGE, NATIVE TITLE, AND "SOCIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE" CONSIDERATIONS

- Lesson 1 Development of Native Title at Common Law and Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), Indigenous Land Rights, and Community Engagement, the Role of the National Native Title Tribunal and Federal Court
- Lesson 2 Aboriginal Heritage Regimes in Australia and Challenges for Resources Companies and Aboriginal Proponents
- Lesson 3 Environmental Issues,
 Environmental Impact Assessments, and
 "Social License to Operate" Obligations

MODULE 3 - AUSTRALIA EVOLVING OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SAFETY REGIME AND THE MINING SECTOR

- Lesson 1 New Changes to Australia's
 Occupational Health and Safety Regimes,
 Psychosocial Harm, and Onerous Reporting
 Requirements
- Lesson 2 Civil and Criminal Liability for "PCBUs", "Statutory Managers," General Managers, Employees and Officers Under Australia's Occupational Health and Safety Regime and Duties
- Lesson 3 Relevant Case Studies and Law

MODULE 4 - COMPLIANCE IN THE MINING SECTOR AND INDUSTRY CHALLENGES

- Lesson 1 Increased Regulatory Powers and Enforcement in Australia and Each State and Territory
- Lesson 2 Introduction of Mandatory Plans for Resources Companies, Audit, and Regulator Inspection
- Lesson 3 Developing a Defensible Compliance System, and Plan With Your Team, and External Advisors



MODULE 5 - REPORTING, COMPULSORY NOTICES, AND INVESTIGATIONS

- Lesson 1 Mandatory Reporting Requirements for Certain "Notifiable" Incidents to Relevant Regulators in Each State, Territory, and the Commonwealth
- Lesson 2 Powers of Regulators to Require Resource Companies and Individuals to Produce Documents and Information, and Penalties
- Lesson 3 Investigations by the Regulators in the Mining Sector

MODULE 6 - CALM, STRATEGIC DISPUTE PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT (PART 1)

- Lesson 1 Forearmed: Using Consultants,
 Contracts, and Negotiation Tools to Minimize
 Exposure to Disputes
- Lesson 2 Rallying the Troops: Allocating Roles and Responsibilities Amongst Key Personnel to Avoid and Manage Disputes Effectively
- Lesson 3 Emergency Triage: Who Does
 What in the First Hour of a Dispute Arising
- Lesson 4 The Art of War: Preparing to Litigate/Arbitrate Calmly and Strategically

- Lesson 5 The Cause of Action: What Can You Sue or Arbitrate For and How?
- Lesson 6 Theatre of War: Understanding Jurisdiction
- Lesson 7 Taking Stock: Quantifying Your Claim and Distinguishing Between Liquidated and Unliquidated Claims

MODULE 7 - CALM, STRATEGIC DISPUTE PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT (PART 2)

- Lesson 1 Dispute Dvoidance: How to Maximize and Maximally Exploit Your Bargaining Power in a Dispute
- Lesson 2 Escalation: Effective Approaches to Offence or Defence Should Settlement Negotiations Fail
- Lesson 3 De-Escalation: Bringing Disputes to the Quickest and Most Favourable End Possible
- Lesson 4 Total War: Managing Time and Cost Should a Dispute Proceed to a Trial or Arbitral Hearing



- Lesson 5 Post-War Reconstruction: After the Trial, Learn How to Enforce a Judgment or Arbitral Award, Maximize Cost Recovery or Minimize Cost Liability and Apply the Lessons to De-Risk Your Business Going Forward
- Lesson 6 Marquis of Queensbury Rules:
 Alternative Approaches to Dispute Resolution
- Lesson 7 Rematch: Appeal, Judicial Review and Administrative Review and Jurisdiction Revisited

MODULE 8 - MINING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Lesson 1 Timing Entry to Market
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- Lesson 4 Assembling a Credible and Effective Board and Management
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- Lesson 9 Securing Offtake Agreements
- Lesson 10 Constructing the Mine
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 Disrupt and Inflate the Cost of Mining
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- Lesson 13 Winding Down Mining Operations at End-of-Life or Commodity Cycle Downturn
- · Lesson 14 Mine Remediation

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- Lesson 2 Common, Key Terms in Consultancy Agreements
- Lesson 3 Engaging the Head Contractor
- Lesson 4 Choosing Your Construction Contract (Or Drafting Your Own)
- Lesson 5 ECI? D&C? Construct Only?
- Lesson 6 The Importance of Back-to-Back Correspondence Between Head Contracts, Subcontracts and Consultancy Agreements
- Lesson 7 Managing the Construction Contract
- Lesson 8 Notifications, Claims, Time-Bars and Liquidated Damages
- Lesson 9 Managing Construction Defects: Insurance, Warranties, Other Sources of Defect Liability, Recourse to Securities



- Lesson 10 Bank Guarantees vs. Retentions as Security for Performance
- Lesson 11 Managing Construction Delays
- Lesson 12 The Building and Construction Industry (Security of Payment) Act 2021
- Lesson 13 Understanding and Using the Personal Property Securities Act 1999

MODULE 10 - INSOLVENCY IN MINING AND EXPLORATION

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- Lesson 9 Creditors' Meetings and Deeds of Company Arrangement

- Lesson 10 The Personal Property Securities Act 1999
- Lesson 11 Reinstatement/Acquisition (Lawful) vs. Phoenixing (Unlawful)
- Lesson 12 Offences Against the Corporations Act 2001 in an Insolvency Context

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Globally demanded and recognized, this certification will amplify your professional qualifications and demonstrate your expertise in navigating the complexities of Australia's mining laws, regulations, and compliance. Developed by **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications**, the content of this program has been independently accredited by **CPD Certification Service** as adhering to the highest standards of continuing professional principles.

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