1. Key changes being given effect by the Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 include:
* Introducing a medical examination process for retired/former coal workers with suspected coal workers’ pneumoconiosis or a Coal Mine Dust Lung Disease;
* Introducing an additional lump sum compensation for workers with a pneumoconiosis injury;
* Clarifying a worker with pneumoconiosis can access further workers’ compensation entitlements if they experience disease progression;
* Clarifying that the power to grant a stay under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* does not apply to an appeal under the *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003*.
* Establishing the Persons Affected by Work Related Fatalities and Serious Incidents Consultative Committee to provide advice on information and support needs for persons affected by serious workplace incidents;
* Enabling the regulator to immediately suspend an electrical worker’s licence in extremely serious circumstances;
* Enabling the regulator to obtain information from relevant parties as part of determining an electrical licence application; and
* Allowing the Electrical Licensing Committee to direct an electrical work licence holder to obtain reassessment of competency when the Committee reasonably believes the person may not be competent.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)