1. Following the re-identification of coal workers’ pneumoconiosis (CWP) in 2015, the Queensland Government has been actioning a response which encompasses dust exposure, health screening and support for workers with the disease. This has included the implementation of recommendations from both the independent review conducted by Monash University in collaboration with the University of Illinois at Chicago (Monash review), and the Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis Select Committee (the Select Committee).
2. While a number of improvements to the Coal Mine Workers’ Health Scheme (the scheme) have already been made, amendments are required to the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017*.
3. The amendments will sustain and enhance the improvements made in implementing the Monash review recommendations and enable a best practice respiratory screening program focussed on the early detection of CWP and coal mine dust lung diseases.
4. The Monash review recommendations were also adopted by the Select Committee in its report in May 2017, therefore the making of the regulation is also an integral step in delivering on the Select Committee recommendations.
5. The proposed amendments will deliver the following changes to the scheme:
	1. introduce health surveillance as a purpose of the scheme
	2. incorporate a right to a respiratory health assessment for retired and former workers
	3. enable health surveillance and quality assurance
	4. increase the frequency of chest X-ray and spirometry examinations to every five years for aboveground workers
	5. establish a mandatory ‘approved provider’ framework
	6. incorporate consequential amendments including the replacement of the term ‘nominated medical adviser’ with ‘appointed medical adviser’.
6. Cabinet endorsed that the *Coal Mining Safety and Health (Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis) Amendment Regulation 2018* be recommended to the Governor in Council for consideration.
7. Cabinet noted that the *Coal Mining Safety and Health (Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis) Amendment Regulation 2018* would be laid before the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Coal Mining Safety and Health (Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis) Amendment Regulation 2018*](Attachments/Regulation.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)