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Senator Waters asked:

Do you view it as a risk to MNES that State governments might fail to adequately ensure that mine sites and other resources projects are rehabilitated?

Answer:

The broader regulation of the resources sector, including mine site rehabilitation is the responsibility of state and territory governments.

Where a specific risk to matters of national environmental significance has been identified through the assessment process, careful consideration is given to the likelihood that conditions imposed by state and territory governments will mitigate that risk. In some circumstances additional conditions relating to the rehabilitation of matters of national environmental significance will be applied under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.