

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Waters asked:

In cases where a mine site becomes a toxic, polluting mess – is that a controlled action – i.e. is it even captured under the EPBC Act?

Answer:

Activities associated with a mine site would be a controlled action if they were likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.