

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

- 1. Name of Working Group:** IWG Environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Australia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Annex IV, Executive Summary, (d) - proposed amendments are in green text
- 4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

Executive summary

(d) ~~Mitigation~~ Measures to minimize and to mitigate anticipated and cumulative environmental impacts and a description of any anticipated and cumulative residual impacts, that may occur despite Mitigation, noting how the mitigation hierarchy is being employed in assessing impacts;

- 5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]**

Australia suggests using both ‘minimize’ and ‘mitigate’ as they have different meanings. Minimizing the anticipated and cumulative impacts is a key part of project design and planning. Mitigation measures should be planned and implemented throughout the project as a further preventative measure. Both should be described when framing the environmental impact statement.

Commented [SA1]: Heather – grateful for anything further we can add to this rationale.

Commented [AH2R1]: Sorry, once again limited time. Is this enough?