

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

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:** Marine Environment WG

- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Australia

- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

DR 46bis(2) and (3) - 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.**

Regulation 46bis

Environmental monitoring

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[2.Alt: A Contractor shall establish and implement an environmental monitoring programme in accordance with the applicable Standards and Guidelines, after approval by the Authority and the sponsoring State or States of the Contractor’s environmental management and monitoring plan.]

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[3.Alt The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan shall cover all stages of the mining life cycle and contain a monitoring programme for Exploitation, to be conducted in compliance with the applicable Standards and Guidelines.]

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

Australia supports 46bis(2 Alt) and 46bis (3 Alt) as they improve the drafting as compared to 46bis(2) and (3). However, Australia would also support revisions of Alt 2 and Alt 3 to include references to ‘Standards and Guidelines’ and ‘all stages of the mining life cycle’.