

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

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

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

DR47bis – proposed amendments in green; black text and tracked changes text is from the Consolidated text.

**3. 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.**

**Scoping Report**

1. [An] applicant or Contractor, shall prepare and submit to the Secretary-General a scoping report in accordance with this Regulation, [the applicable Standard and taking into consideration Guidelines].

2. An applicant or Contractor, shall use Environmental Impact Assessment scoping to identify and prioritize the main activities and potential impacts associated with the proposed Exploitation activities, in order to focus the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement on the key environmental issues.

3. In undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment scoping process, the applicant or Contractor, shall:

(a) Review available data and knowledge, and propose additional data to be collected and studies needed to complete an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with these Regulations;

(b) Undertake a preliminary impact analysis and Environmental Risk Assessment which will be updated as the Environmental Impact Assessment proceeds;

(c) Identify [potentially directly affected] ~~all-affected~~ Stakeholders in accordance with [the

applicable] Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines;

(c) bis Endeavour to engage with potentially ~~directly~~ affected Stakeholders, and in accordance with [Regulation 93 ter,] Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines;

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

Australia suggests deleting 'directly' in para 3(c) and 3(c)bis, respect to consultations with affected stakeholders. We support broad consultation provisions to ensure we are capturing a broader range of stakeholders, so we can adequately assess all risks and impacts.