



# Mines Inspection Amendment (Chrysotile Asbestos) General Rule 2003

under the

Mines Inspection Act 1901

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following General Rule under the *Mines Inspection Act 1901*.

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Minister for Mineral Resources

## Explanatory note

The object of this General Rule is to amend the *Mines Inspection General Rule 2000* as a consequence of the application to mines, from 31 December 2003, of provisions under the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001* (to be made by the *Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Chrysotile Asbestos) Regulation 2003*) that will phase in a prohibition on the use of chrysotile asbestos (otherwise known as white asbestos). The amendments repeal or amend provisions of the *Mines Inspection General Rule 2000* that are inconsistent with those other provisions.

This General Rule is made under the *Mines Inspection Act 1901*, including section 56 (the general power under that Act to make General Rules).

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### **1 Name of General Rule**

This General Rule is the *Mines Inspection Amendment (Chrysotile Asbestos) General Rule 2003*.

### **2 Commencement**

This General Rule commences on 31 December 2003.

### **3 Amendment of Mines Inspection General Rule 2000**

The *Mines Inspection General Rule 2000* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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**Schedule 1 Amendments**

(Clause 3)

**[1] Clause 48 Buildings and structures—safety and health**

Omit clause 48 (3)–(5).

**[2] Clause 51 Definitions**Omit the definition of *asbestos-containing material*.**[3] Clause 56 Asbestos**

Omit the clause.

**[4] Clause 57 Carcinogenic substances**

Insert after clause 57 (1):

(1A) Subclause (1) does not apply to asbestos.

**Note.** The manufacture, use and supply of asbestos are dealt with by provisions of the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001* that apply to mines.**[5] Schedule 1 Carcinogenic substances**

Omit the matter relating to Chrysotile. Insert instead:

Chrysotile [12001-29-5] (white asbestos)—except when:

- (a) used for the purpose of research or analysis, or
- (b) being removed or disposed of, or being handled for storage or stored awaiting disposal, or
- (c) encountered during non-asbestos mining, or
- (d) comprising or included in an item being used for the purpose of a historical or educational display.