

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<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 of Working Group:**

Marine Environment Working Group

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

Australia

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

Draft Regulation 61.

**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.**

1. A Contractor shall implement the final Closure Plan and shall report to the Secretary-General on the progress of such implementation on an annual basis, including the results of monitoring under paragraph 2 below, **and management actions taken in response to any adverse Environmental Effects identified through monitoring**, as set out in the final Closure Plan.

2. The Contractor shall continue to monitor the Marine Environment for such period after the cessation of activities, as set out in the final Closure Plan and for the duration provided for in the relevant Standards and taking into account relevant Guidelines and release monitoring data publicly and in an accessible format at monthly intervals.

3. Upon completion of implementation of the final Closure Plan, the Contractor shall hire a competent and independent auditor to conduct a final performance assessment and submit a final performance assessment report in accordance with the Guidelines to the Secretary-General to ensure that the closure objectives as described in the final Closure Plan have been met. Such report shall be reviewed by the Commission at its next meeting, provided that it has been circulated at least 30 Days in advance of the meeting.

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

With respect to paragraph 1, a Contractor should also be required to report on its response to any adverse Environmental Effects identified through monitoring to ensure that they are addressing any concerning results.