

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

DR ~~593(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 59  
Closure Plan**

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~~5. In the five years preceding the planned end of the period of Exploitation, the Closure Plan shall be updated annually and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60(1). Otherwise, the Closure Plan shall be reviewed and updated taking into account the results obtained from monitoring post closure activities and each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work, including new knowledge, technologies, devices and new scientific findings, change of contractor or sponsoring State, also, in cases where no such Material Change has occurred and no monitoring data and information or improved knowledge or technology has signalled a need for updates, every five years and at the end of the project and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60(1).~~

The Closure Plan shall be reviewed and updated ~~taking into account the results obtained from monitoring post closure activities~~ and be finalized in accordance with regulation 60(1):

- (a) each time there is a Material Change in a Plan of Work, including new knowledge, technologies, devices and new scientific findings, change of contractor or sponsoring State;
- (b) in cases where no ~~such~~ Material Change has occurred and no monitoring data and information or improved knowledge or technology has signalled a need for updates, every five years; ~~and~~ ~~or at the end of the project.~~

(c) in the five years preceding the planned end of the period of Exploitation, annually; and-

(d) at the end of the project, taking into account the results obtained from monitoring post-closure activities.

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

Australia suggests restructuring Regulation 59(5) for clarity. In addition to reviewing the Closure Plan during exploitation, the Closure Plan should be reviewed and updated annually in the five years before the projected end of exploitation. The implementation of the Closure Plan should be evaluated at the end of the project.