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NSW MINING HSEC AWARDS

Recognising the excellence and innovation that makes our NSW miners world class.

NSW has some of the world's leading mining operations and some of the best practitioners in health and safety, as well as environmental management and community engagement.

We want to hear about your success stories and share them with our industry and the community through the NSW Mining HSEC Awards.

Awards will be given in four categories:

- Health Excellence
- Safety Excellence
- Environmental Excellence
- Community Excellence

These awards are a great opportunity to promote yourself, your colleagues or your business and its achievements and help share news about the good things happening in mining.

Thursday 5 March
Entries Open

Friday 24 April
Entries Close

Tuesday 9 June
Finalists Announced

Monday 3 August
Awards Dinner

**All enquiries should be directed to
Vanessa Rue, Event Manager at
vrue@nswmining.com.au**

Submissions

All award entries will be made online through the Awards Force platform. Links to the awards platform will be made available on Thursday 5 March 2026.

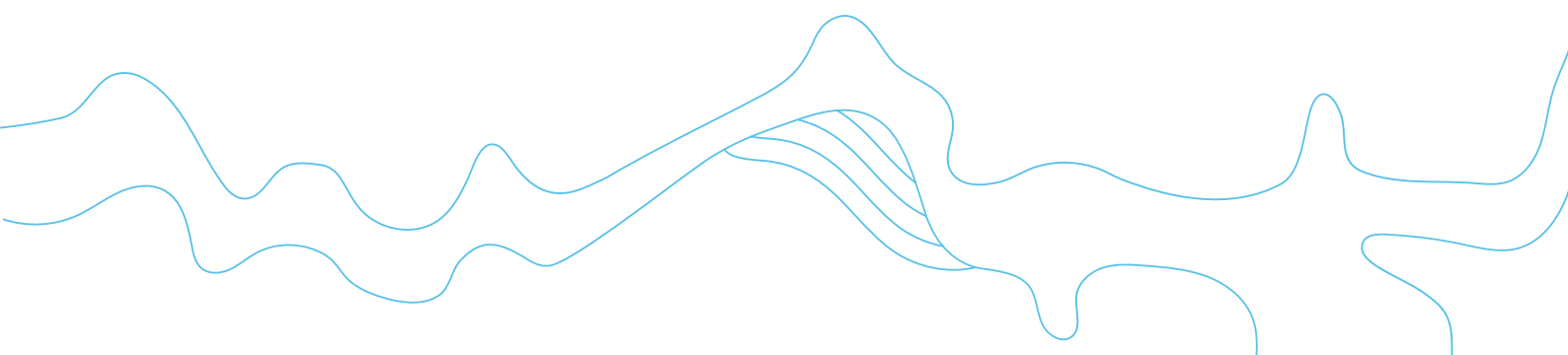
- Complete the online entry form at Awards Force. You will receive an email notification from us via Awards Force if your entry has been completed.
- Initiatives that form part of a commitment under a regulatory approval are eligible to enter into these awards, and only need to address the criteria of being new, innovative or leading practice in the context of the approval regime.
- Multiple entries are accepted from the same site or company, but the same submission cannot be entered into multiple categories.
- You must provide sufficient information to soundly demonstrate that all judging criteria has been met so there can be a fair comparison in the judging process.
- Additional information can be included, such as media coverage, charts or images, and will be considered alongside your written responses.
- Submit your entry no later than Friday 24 April 2026. There will be no extensions for late award entries.

Judging

- All personal and commercially sensitive information will be treated in confidence.
- Judging is undertaken by a panel of independent judges. All decisions are final.
- Judges may not present an award in a category if the circumstances warrant it.

Eligibility

- The NSW Mining HSEC awards are open to members of the NSW Minerals Council.
- Entrants must be willing to participate in awards-related publicity organised by the NSW Minerals Council.
- Entrant company must provide high resolution images of the innovation or achievement for promotional use.
- All entrants are requested to attend the NSW Mining HSEC Awards Dinner in the Hunter Valley on Monday 3 August 2026, where winners will be announced.



Privacy

- The collection of the applicant's personal information is necessary for the purposes of the NSW Mining HSEC Awards.
- Personal information will be used by the NSW Minerals Council to assess entries and to contact applicants.
- All award entries become and remain the property of the NSW Minerals Council.
- The NSW Minerals Council may use the information collected from award entries in promotional materials, including in the media.
- By submitting an entry you agree to publication of information in the submission.
- Any information marked as personal or commercial-in-confidence will not be published.



Help us **share your success stories** championing health and safety, environmental management and community engagement.



Judging Criteria

The judging criteria are listed below and are the same for all four categories.

Summary (max 150 words)

Briefly describe the entry and any associated achievements.

Issue / problem / initiative (15%, max 250 words)

Describe the background and the issue that needed to be addressed and other relevant information about the initiative.

Solution (35%, max 500 words)

Describe the solution developed and implemented and why this approach was taken.

Include information on the consultation process (internal and external if necessary) and how the solution has been communicated to your workforce, regulators and the community (where relevant).

Clearly outline the role of the people involved and provide details of any funding or commercial / community / industry partnerships that contributed to the solution.

Describe the methods used to assess the risks related to the problem and solution, including any new risks introduced by the solution and how they will be managed.

Benefits, results and significance (35%, max 500 words)

Provide detailed evidence of the measurable results that have been achieved in the last 12–24 months. Provide any data internally and feedback from third parties where relevant.

Describe how the solution addressed the issue and whether it has improved safety, worker health/fitness, efficiency, effectiveness, productivity, profitability, environmental outcomes, reputation, your social licence to operate, or other key measures.

Leading practice and transferability (15%, max 250 words)

Demonstrate how the solution or initiative is new, innovative or leading practice within the mining industry. Describe the potential for the solution or initiative to be transferred to other mining operations or other industries. Initiatives that form part of a commitment under a regulatory approval are eligible, and need to address the criteria of being new, innovative or leading practice in the context of the approval regime.