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**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Waters asked:**

Has the department done any analysis of these projects in relation to the companies' financial capacity to effectively rehabilitate the mine?

**Answer:**

No the department has not conducted any analysis of companies financial capacity for rehabilitation, this is the responsibility of state or territory governments.

The regulation of the resource sector under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* is confined to those actions which have the potential to significantly impact on matters of national environmental significance. The broader regulation of the resources sector, including mine site rehabilitation is the responsibility of state and territory governments.