The draft Queensland resources industry development plan (QRIDP) recognises the need for a more effective system to support small-scale mining.

The plan proposes to remove mining claims and consider better arrangements for small mining activities. We will consider all stakeholder feedback before making a decision.

Here's what we're proposing to do.

**Early 2022**

1. Public consultation to understand views on the proposed changes and hear ideas for other arrangements.
   **CONSULTATION CLOSED 11 FEBRUARY 2022**

2. Queensland Government to consider submissions and feedback, and develop initial options.

3. Consultation with small mining associations to discuss initial options and understand issues.

4. Queensland Government to refine options based on feedback from associations.

**Mid 2022**

5. Final QRIDP released, including a decision on whether to remove mining claims.

6. Options paper released* for public consultation seeking feedback on preferred approach.

7. If a proposed change to legislation is required*, there will be further consultation with stakeholders on the preferred approach and arrangements for existing mining claims.

*Pending government decisions.