

## New minerals legislation

### Reclamation



This area at Brewery Creek has been reclaimed after mining.

Reclamation is a key part of the mining process for both placer and quartz operations. In new legislation, we want clear reclamation requirements for proponents. We also want to ensure reclamation efforts are successful.

We want to make sure that Indigenous governments are part of reclamation planning. This will help provide benefits for communities, and respect and uphold Indigenous values and future use of the land.

There are also sites that were not reclaimed. We want to prevent this from happening again in the future.

#### The challenges

Reclamation requirements can be unclear and difficult to enforce. Without clear requirements, reclamation planning and monitoring can be inconsistent, lack transparency and leave out affected parties.

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### Potential approaches

These are some of the approaches we're considering. We'd like to hear your thoughts.

- **Reclamation requirements**  
Progressive reclamation, or cleaning up as you work, could be either encouraged or required. We're also looking at ways to discourage proponents from not completing reclamation.
- **Improved reclamation planning**  
We want to improve reclamation planning, including the consideration of Indigenous land uses, and how reclamation objectives are determined.
- **Regular monitoring and reporting**  
We're considering either annual or project-specific timelines for reclamation monitoring and reporting.
- **More tools for reclamation of abandoned sites**  
We're looking at ways to encourage the reclamation of abandoned sites and considering approaches to increase transparency in relation to reclamation work undertaken by government.

