

Thank you for undertaking a review into Standards for global mine tailings. As an archaeologist and former employee at multiple mine sites I believe that a workplace culture which promotes safety is key to preventing many workplace accidents. Whistleblowers should be rewarded for safety disclosures which lead to enhanced safety outcomes, improved team morale and increased profits for the company.

I would like to see extensive, effective and detailed indigenous inclusion and consultation prior to and during mining operations, including thorough explanations of possible extreme events leading to loss of life or at-risk or threatened ecosystem destruction. I believe there should be zero tolerance for potential loss of life or loss of habitat situations.

Ongoing and remote monitoring of mining sites should be utilised to ensure that loss of life such as occurred at Aberfan (UK) can never occur again. Murder or manslaughter charges should be laid against the appropriate board and company for loss of life incidents on mining sites.