1. Initiation

Minister approves that a Recognised Standard (RS) be developed or reviewed or withdrawn, for his/her consideration, based upon:

- advice or recommendation¹
 from RSHQ (or)
- b) advice or recommendation² from CMSHAC (or)
- c) Ministerial direction³

Notes:

- Advice or recommendation is underpinned by an evidence base (i.e., data-driven and risk-based).
- Flowchart on next slide refers to CMSHAC developed process to support whether RS is required
- Minister may request. Coroner or Inquiry may recommend
- Returns to consultation or final draft RS, dependent on circumstances

2. Development

RSHQ assigns an Inspector of Mines (IOM) to be the RS tripartite working group (RSTWG) Chair, who:

- writes to industry, coal mine worker representative organisations, and CMSHAC, regarding RS initiation OR review, the purpose and scope of the RS and expected timeframes
- establishes a RSTWG comprising industry and coal mine worker representatives, with a working knowledge of the matter of the RS
- publishes RSTWG membership on RSHQ website

RSTWG develops:

- consultation draft RS
- final draft RS
- final RS

3. Consultation

RSTWG Group Chair circulates consultation draft RS to industry, coal mine worker representative organisations and CMSHAC, for their review and feedback

Consultation period is set by the RSTWG Chair, but is no less than 25 business days

RSTWG Chair circulates **final draft RS** to industry, coal mine worker representative organisations, and CMSHAC ,for their review and feedback

Consultation period is set by the RSTWG Chair, but is no less than 21 business days

4. Approval

RSHQ seeks Ministerial approval of **final RS** and notification of making of RS by gazette notice

Ministerial brief includes decisions on inclusion and exclusion of consultation feedback and reasons for same, and statement of support or disagreement from CMSHAC

Minister considers final RS and:

- a) approves (or)
- b) requests further work⁴ (or)
- c) does not approve

RSHQ communicates Ministerial decision to industry and coal mine worker representative organisations and CMSHAC

- approved RS is gazetted
- RSHQ publishes approved RS
- (OR) RSHQ withdraws RS

