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Issue : a report in relation to the bylong coal mine application, expired gateway certificate.

Background : nsw minister Rob Stokes has a vicarious responsibility for this state wide significant matter to have hit hurdles at the 11 th hour. Mr Stokes needs to accept that the mining industry is in crisis due to the nsw state governments inability to conduct itself in a professional manner.

The nsw coal industry is of major significance to the nsw community and minister Stokes government continues to fail domestic and international expectations of what the government department is required to do.

“It’s better to offer assistance at the top of the cliff, whereas mr Stokes appears to be happy to provide an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff”

Another example of minister rob stokes failure of the mining industry of nsw is the matter of farmer carter - emc metals nsw. 1600 mining matters were simply stored in cardboard boxes in maitland. Documents were mishandled, initial staff failed to report accurate dealings and follow up investigation was derailed by disgruntled employees. The title was issued was invalid as the agricultural land objection was submitted by the farmer. Mr Wright acting dep sep then buried the matter at great benefit to the mining applicant and at the detriment to the farmer.

This incident as well as numerous other coal mining issues now requires urgent review of systems and suitability of staff to deal with this matter and others, the blame game of blaming the mining company does not sit well as the nsw government could have in place sufficient supervision and staff(plus modern efficient systems) to prevent further government embarrassment to the nsw government.

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