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### **Improve access to national data on mining and resource exploration and production projects for citizens**

The Australian Government could ensure all national, state and territories datasets related to mining and production and associated infrastructure are published in a format easily accessed and understood by citizens. This open dataset will establish transparency and drive public participation in the development and management of Australia's natural resources.

The Australian Government is best placed to coordinate and publish national data related to mining and resource production applications and projects and their status.

To deliver this the Government will need to support collaboration between all agencies, states and territories and create a way to enable them to effectively share and publish data in a consistent national structure. This data should be updated daily or weekly, shareable, and be open in allowing companies and citizens to build on and reuse the data.

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### **Create community-focused content explaining mining, resources and energy project processes**

The Australian Government could provide a single national source of easily understood community-focused information about our natural resources, mining and production processes, and the rights of citizens and industry. This will foster more open and better informed discussion between citizens, industry and agencies about management of Australia's natural resources.

With more state government decisions on resource projects becoming a part of the national conversation, the Australian Government has the opportunity to create the foundation for an informed discussion by providing national content, including relevant details for each state and territory.

Educational content created for citizens will transparently explain the different natural resources in Australia, their uses and values, and the process and impacts of mining/extraction. The participation and cooperation of each state and territory in providing information about relevant local rules and legislation, will ensure openness is delivered nationally. Content will be published on a national website and licensed under creative commons to encourage redistribution and reuse.

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