

NSW Standing Health Committee

Summary report: April 2025



Meeting overview

The Standing Health Committee (SHC) met in Newcastle on Wednesday, 2 April 2025 to progress the development of the NSW Coal Industry Cardiovascular Health Standard. The SHC also reviewed the education and communications resources required to support its release.



Industry consultation on the Cardiovascular Health Standard (CVHS) has occurred. Further consultation, endorsement and industry education are planned prior to its release in July 2025.

Highlights and key initiatives

- New SHC members, Ian Hutton (Coal Mines Insurance) and Clinton Smith (Contractor Representative) were welcomed following Board endorsement.
- The SHC reviewed the feedback and updates to the CVHS following industry consultation with:
 - NSW Minerals Council and Mining & Energy Union representatives
 - Clinical Governance Committee Chair
 - Coal Services General Counsel
 - Associate Professor James Otton, Cardiologist.
- The SHC reviewed the remaining steps and timeline for finalisation and release of the CVHS.
- The CVHS is scheduled for release in July 2025.
- The SHC discussed resources and education required to support the release of the CVHS including explainer videos, fact sheets, FAQs and industry forums.
- A cardiovascular health campaign is planned to support the release of the CVHS. The campaign aims to encourage coal mine workers to make healthy lifestyle choices that reduce cardiovascular disease risk and highlight where coal mine workers can get help and support to improve their cardiovascular health.
- The SHC reviewed the Respiratory Health Standard (RHS) feedback register and identified updates required to the existing RHS. Further updates will be required following the release of the results from the Inhalable Mine Dust (IMD) Restriction Review Study in the coming months.

Recommendations and actions

- The CVHS will be reviewed and endorsed by:
 - Coal Services' Clinical Governance Committee
 - Independent expert - Occupational Physician.
- CVHS notification to Coal Services Board and shareholders.
- Industry education forums are scheduled to take place in June 2025 across 5 locations, as well as an online webinar to be held in July. These forums will include information on the CVHS and proposed changes to Order 43. [Details are available on the Coal Services website.](#)
- RHS to be updated to incorporate industry feedback and results from the IMD study.

Next SHC meeting: Wednesday, 11 June 2025.

For further information, including the list of SHC representatives, visit:

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