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Hi there,

My **anonymous** comments are as follows

- Draft Policy Statement:
  - Looks like its all descriptive of already existing regulations, processes and green plans – is there anything new here other than a formalization of existing items?
  - Asbestos and radioactive minerals – still on the Scheduled Minerals list?

General comments

- How did the department choose RPS to conduct the reports on the Policy Statement? Some process and clarification would go a long way to offset any criticism on there being a conflict of interest
- In order to get more community engagement in the above documents – there ought to be a simple, jargon-free one-pager describing the actual ACTION points that are to be decided on
- Sounds like the gravel and quarrying industry needs to be reined in (judging from the townhall), in terms of oversight, monitoring and policing – perhaps integrated into a similar and parallel program to mining
- Gold exploration in Ireland – I believe gold exploration should be allowed in ROI to not spook investors and to recognize that gold does have industrial uses (e.g. smart phones have about 50mg of gold in them, purportedly, etc, etc)

Best regards,

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