



Department of **Local Government,
Industry Regulation and Safety**
Dangerous Goods Safety

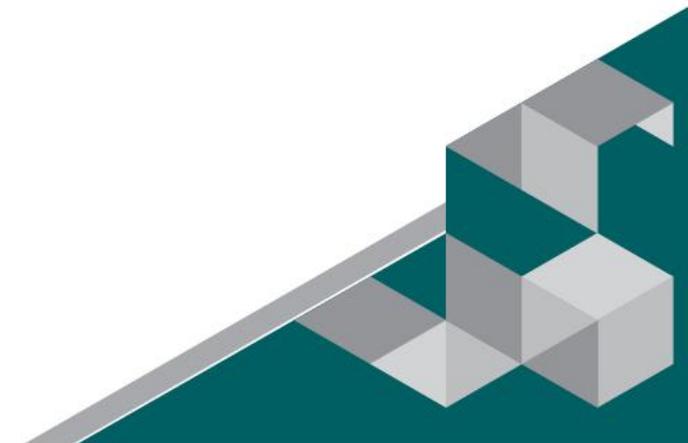
Dangerous Goods Safety Act & Regulations Reforms (CRIS)

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Why we're here

- Consultation on proposed amendments to the DGS Act and Regulations
- Modernise, streamline, align with WHS, and improve enforcement
- Your feedback informs the Minister's recommendations in 2026



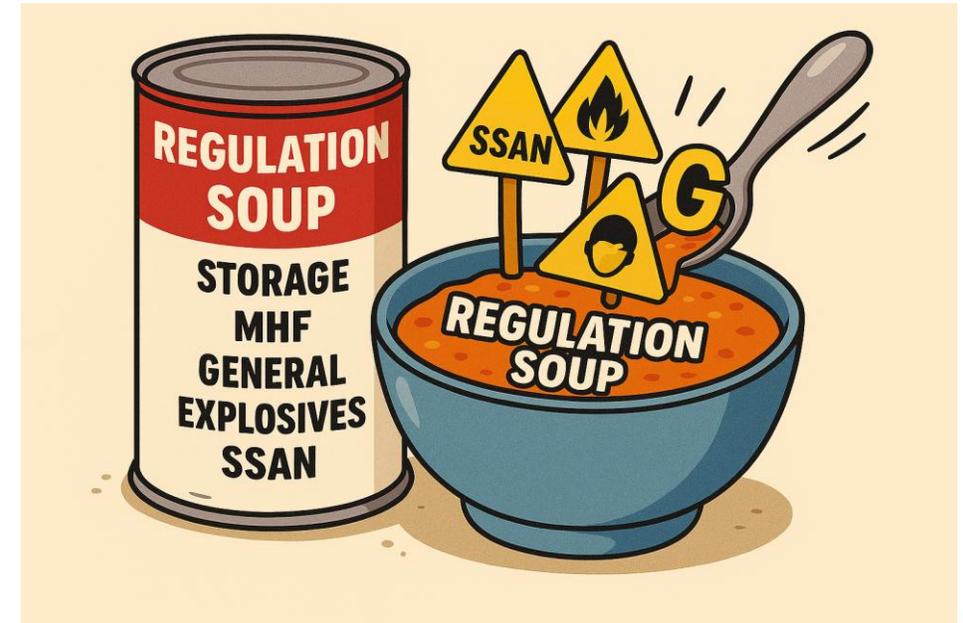
3.2.1 Amalgamate five DG regulations into one

Pros:

- Single coherent set; less duplication
- Transport not included (interstate)
- Easier navigation

Cons:

- Risk of gaps during consolidation



3.2.2 Single or multiple licences per site (operator choice)

- Pros:
Administrative flexibility; fee efficiencies
Reflects integrated operations
- Cons:
Scope clarity risks with single licences
IT system changes required



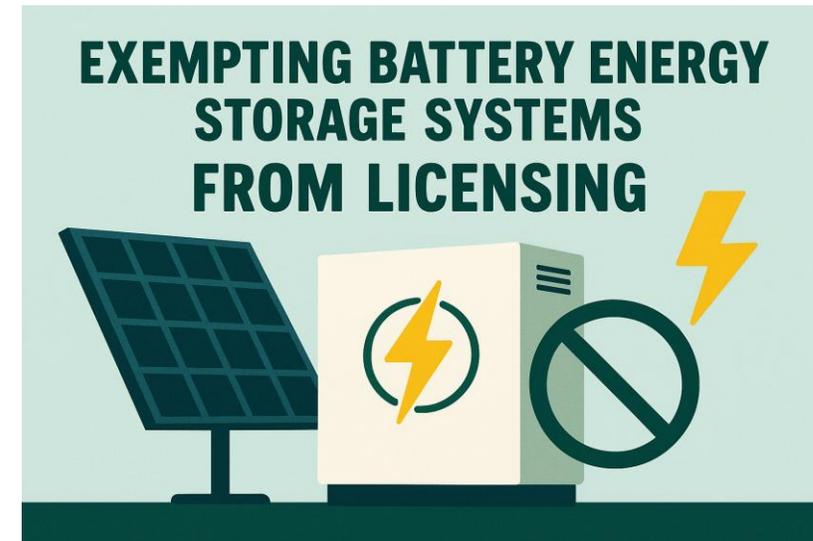
3.2.3 Exempt battery energy storage systems from licensing

Pros:

- Avoid duplication if risks managed elsewhere
- Supports energy transition

Cons:

- Need thresholds/conditions
- Public optics if incidents occur



3.2.7 Reduce hydrogen licence threshold to 500 L

- Pros:

Risk-proportionate oversight

Consistency across H2 sector

- Cons:

Captures small pilots; cost impact

Aggregation rules must be clear



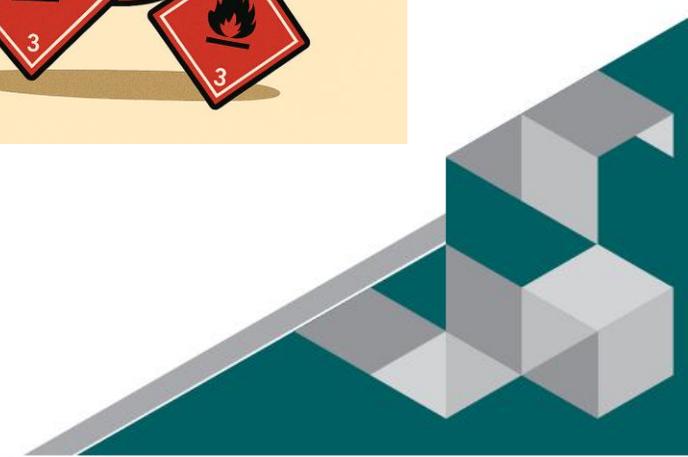
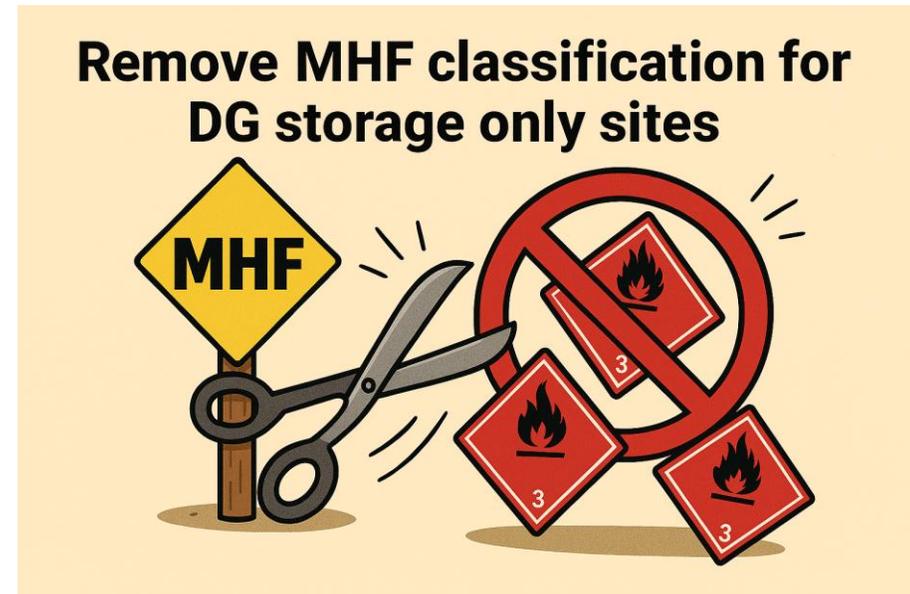
3.3.3 Remove MHF classification for DG storage only sites

Pros:

- Clarifies classification focus
- Reduces double-counting

Cons:

- Sites may need re-evaluation



3.3.5 Options to revoke MHF classification

Pros:

- Recognises design/risk reductions beyond quantity
- Incentivises safer plant design

Cons:

- Needs robust criteria and evidence



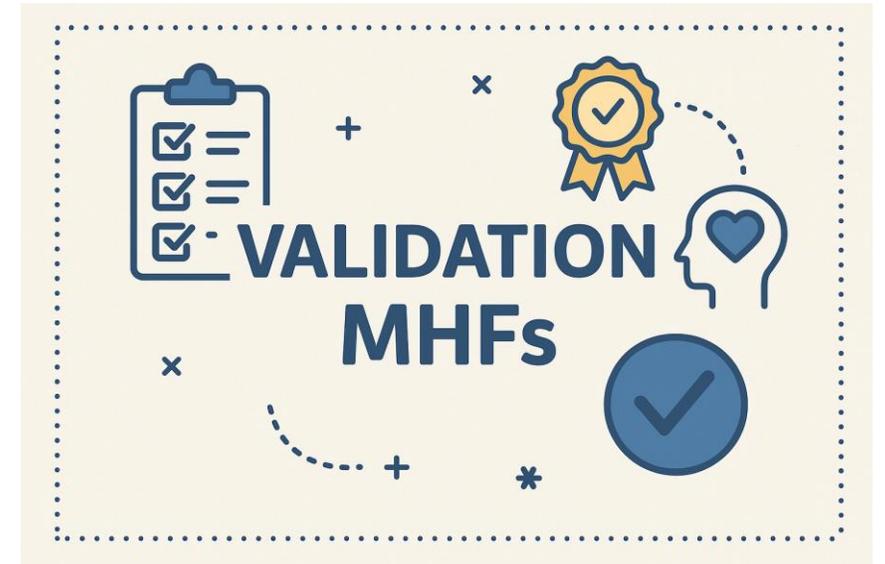
3.3.6 Include 'validation' concept (WHS PAGEO reg 67)

Pros:

- Stronger assurance of critical controls
- Harmonises expectations

Cons:

- Extra technical work/documentation



Have your say



Submissions close 5.00 pm AWST, Friday 27 February 2026



Survey and email options via WorkSafe LGIRS open consultations



Your input informs Minister's recommendations in late-2026