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'It is not a case of governments and companies putting royalties and profits before people; instead it is as though people don't matter at all ...'

In *Mine-Field*, Paul Cleary counts the true cost of Australia's mineral addiction.

Whether it be coal-seam gas, LNG or coal mega-mines, a resources rush is happening in just about every productive corner of our country. Yet at the same time oversight and regulation have been hollowed out. High-risk projects are being approved without proper assessment of the long-term consequences. Water resources, farmland and national parks are under threat, and people, communities and industries are being steamrolled.

A ground-breaking piece of reporting by the author of *Too Much Luck*, *Mine-Field* plots the dubious networks created and greased by mining companies to get their projects through, and exposes regulatory gaps that must be addressed to prevent enormous and irreversible harm to our society and environment.

Shortlisted for the 2012 Walkley Book Award, the 2013 Ashurst Business Literature Prize and longlisted for the 2013 John Button Prize.

'Mine-Field provides a warts-and-all, no-holds-barred view of Australia's mining industry. It is a must-read for anyone making an informed judgement on where our nation is going.'—Tony Windsor

'This important book is compelling in its storytelling and chilling in its facts. It storms into the mining debate with a clarion call for more effective regulation. If you read it, you can't help joining the chorus.'—Geoff Cousins

'Paul Cleary's take-no-prisoners survey of the resources boom is essential reading.'—*Sydney Morning Herald*

'Cleary's sharp and timely reportage should provoke – if not lead – an urgent, informed discussion about the mining industry's role in our society.'—*Australian Book Review*

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