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Transition or transformation: shifting priorities and stakeholders in Australian mined land rehabilitation and closure

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ABSTRACT

This article is a retrospective study of the shifting priorities and stakeholders over the last four decades of Australia's mine rehabilitation and closure practices. We map the evolution of knowledge, stakeholder involvement, and community awareness of mining socio-environmental risks and impacts to show how mine rehabilitation and closure

practices have transitioned through the last four decades. An initial focus on rehabilitation has evolved into a more holistic approach that includes closure and the desire for improved landscape outcomes.

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