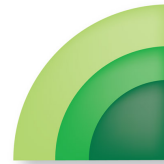


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### Gov't rules for miner

A COMPANY hoping to develop a mine and port in the South-West would have to operate under planning and environmental guidelines if it got to that stage, the State Government said yesterday. The Greens on Wednesday slammed Macquarie Harbour Mining Ltd's hope for an iron ore mine in the Birthday Bay area of the South-West Conservation Area, saying there was very little development in the area and nor should there be. A government spokesman said: "There would need to be extensive drill testing to determine the size, shape and overall grade of deposits. The company would then need to apply for a mining lease and approval to operate under planning and environmental guidelines."