Balancing heritage safety and maintenance
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Mineral Resources Tasmania has three policies relating to mining heritage. These outline the considerations needed:

1. prior to the sale of any abandoned machinery
2. when mines are re-opened or deposits re-worked
3. at mine closure.