

The background features a dark blue gradient on the left and a black gradient on the right. A large, semi-transparent blue arrow points from the left towards the center. In the center, there are two 3D cubes: a blue one in the foreground and an orange one behind it, both resting on a dark, textured surface.

What does  
*social*  
*acceptance*  
have to do with  
*legitimacy*?

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# ACCEPTANCE

social licence to operate

LEGITIMACY

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consent

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CONSENT

who

how



# JUSTIFIABILITY



LEGALITY

GOVERNMENTS

ARE

ESSENTIAL

# CONCLUSION

The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a blue-tinted photograph of a Komatsu excavator bucket. On the right, there is a photograph of a similar bucket at night, illuminated by bright blue and yellow lights, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene.

the current conceptualisation  
of social acceptance is not  
legitimate mining

legitimacy means that we also  
need to look at the technical,  
the operational and the end-  
goals of mining

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# RECOMMENDATION

don't take 'social  
acceptance' as a  
proxy for legitimacy

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