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# **RER ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES**

Date:	19 June 2015	Time:	9:30am – 11:30am
Venue:	Director General's Conference Room – L	evel 8, Miner	al House, 100 Plain St, East Perth

### Members present, observers and apologies

#### **Present**

Dr Phil Gorey (CHAIR)	Executive Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Mr John Connolly	Director Regulation, Department of Water (DoW)
Ms Tanya McKenna	Representing Richard Riordan, Department of State Development (DSD)
Mr Anthony Sutton	Director, Assessment & Compliance Division, Office of Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA)
Mr Harry Backes	State Director Western Australia, Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA)
Mr Patrick Pearlman	Principal Solicitor, Environmental Defender's Office WA (EDOWA)
Dr Nic Dunlop	Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA)
Mr Nic Woolfrey	Manager, Environmental Management Branch, Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW)
Mr Graham Short	Representing Simon Bennison, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)
Ms Jana Herbert	Representing Kane Moyle, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (CMEWA) Proxy for K Moyle
Mr Les Lowe	Representing Mr Mike Lucas, Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association (APLA)
Mr Steve Tantala	Director Operations, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)

#### **Observers**

Mr Will Siu	Graduate Officer, Administration & Reform, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Ms Julie Mahony	Policy Officer, Administration & Reform, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Ms Clare Grosser	Team Leader, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Ms Lynn Dodd	Administration Assistant, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Ms Kate Darby Executive Assistant, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)	

#### **Apologies**

Mr Simon Bennison	Chief Executive Officer, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)
Mr Kane Moyle	Manager – Environment, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (CMEWA) Proxy J Herbert
Mr Mike Lucas	President, Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association (APLA)
Mr Richard Riordan	General Manager Project Facilitation, Department of State Development (DSD) Proxy T McKenna
Mr Andrew Taylor	Snr Policy Advisor – WA/NT, Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA)
Mr Gary Peacock	Chairman, Private Property Rights & Resources Sub-Committee, Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA (Inc.) (PGA)
Ms Kelly Faulkner	Executive Director Licensing and Approvals, Department of Environment Regulation (DER)
Dr Marnie Leybourne	General Manager Administration & Reform, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)

## Agenda items discussed and actions to be taken

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Welcome, apologies, actions from previous meeting	
	Welcome The Chair welcomed members to the meeting of the Reforming Environmental Regulation Advisory Panel.  Actions from previous meeting:	
	*Refer to Action log attached to these minutes.	
2.	Progress Updates	
	<ul> <li>a. Legislative Amendments – Transparency Regulations</li> <li>JM provided a summary of the RERAP submission on the draft Transparency Regulations.</li> </ul>	
	DMP will coordinate a discussion between CME, AMEC, APLA and EDO to out of session to workshop solutions to transparency in Programmes of Work. CCWA to be invited.	DMP
	AMEC advised that they had not made a submission on the draft regulations and advised that they intended to reconsider this. DMP to provide AMEC a copy of the draft Mining Regulations 2015 (1).	DMP
	<ul> <li>b. Reduce Duplication – Tailings Storage Facility</li> <li>CG provided a presentation on the options for reduction in duplication for regulating tailings storage facilities. A separate options paper is not proposed to be released for consultation.</li> <li>DMP and DER are proposing that administrative measures can be put in place to</li> </ul>	
	minimise duplication and retain appropriate regulatory approvals. The agencies will proceed with documenting the administrative measures.  c. Tenement Conditions Review	
	ST provided a brief summary of the agenda paper. He advised that DMP Mineral Titles are also reviewing the tenement conditions.	
	Discussion on options for removal of redundant conditions from existing tenements, and DMP advised that this would require amendment and reissuing of more than 16,000 mining tenements.	
	General consensus was for the redundant conditions to be removed as each tenement holder renews their tenement.	
	DMP will publish the necessary information for tenement holders to clarify their obligations for those tenement conditions identified as being redundant.	DMP
	d. RER Status Report Review Chair advised the Amendment Bill will not be debated in Parliament before August/September 2015, hence RER project milestone completion dates are tentative. DMP will adjust milestone descriptions and target dates upon passage of the Bill and provide estimated milestone completion dates at next RERAP meeting.	DMP
	Discussion also raised to clarify the milestone descriptions in Project 3 – "duplication".	DMP



	Discussion also included that DMP will re-assess the timing of petroleum securities paper in Project 6.	DMP
	For Project 9(Milestones), it was proposed that DMP will send Key Performance Measures paper for review out of session and determine whether further discussions are required prior to the next RERAP meeting.	DMP
	Project 10 – The finalisation of the consultation paper will occur following the receipt of pending legal advice.	
3.	Mining Proposal Guidelines Review	
	DE provided a presentation on risk-based, outcomes focussed mining proposal guidelines. The revised guidelines are scheduled to be released within one month, pending review by the industry reference group. The panel were advised to contact Daniel Endacott for an individual presentation if required.	
	A copy of the presentation will be provided with minutes.	DMP
4.	Other Business	
	RERAP Revised Terms of Reference This agenda item was held over until the next meeting.	
5.	Next meeting Friday 18 September 2015	