## MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

## **COMMUNIQUE - NOVEMBER 2015**

A summary of the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 18 November 2015

## 1. Abandoned Mines Policy

The Panel was provided with the final version of the Abandoned Mines Policy for endorsement.

The Panel considered the summary of feedback received during the draft policy consultation period. The eight week consultation period attracted excellent suggestions from a broad cross-section of interested parties. Overall the policy was well received and supported. Feedback has been reviewed and a final version of the Abandoned Mines Policy has been developed.

The Panel endorsed the final version of the Abandoned Mines Policy. Once adopted by Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), the Abandoned Mines Policy will be published on DMP's website.

## 2. Mining Rehabilitation Fund Yearly Report

The final draft of the Mining Rehabilitation Yearly Report 2015 was provided to the Panel to be endorsed.

The Mining Rehabilitation Fund Yearly Report 2015 includes a financial summary taken from the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) Annual Report and budgetary papers including details of interest, capital and expected expenditure.

The Panel discussed the report and endorsed it with some additional amendments.

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