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RER ADVISORY PANEL AGENDA

Date:	Fri 17 May 2013	Time:	9am 11am
Venue:	Director General's Conference Room Level 8, Mineral House, 100 Plain Street, East Perth		

Agenda

Item	Topic	Who
1.	Welcome and introductions	Chair
2.	Chairperson for RER Advisory Panel	Chair
3.	Terms of Reference	Simon Skevington
4.	Overview of RER process, projects and priorities	Simon Skevington
5.	Environmental Objectives Workshop	Simon Skevington
6.	Other business	Chair
7.	Schedule of meetings	Chair

Supporting Papers:

- 3. RER Advisory Panel - Terms of Reference (draft)
- 4a. Reforming Environmental Regulation cover letter from MAP Chair to Minister
- 4b. [Reforming Environmental Regulation in the WA Resources Industry - Final Report to Minister](#)
- 4c. RER Recommendations – Priorities and Projects diagram
- 4d. Proposed reform development process

Scheduled Meetings:

- To be discussed at meeting (item 7)

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Terms of Reference **DRAFT**

Name: *Reforming Environmental Regulation (RER) Advisory Panel*

Members

Name, Title & Employer	Representing
Dr Phil Gorey (CHAIRPERSON) Executive Director, Environment Division	Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Mr Kevin Price, Secretary	Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association (APLA)
Mr Simon Bennison, Chief Executive Officer.	Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)
Mr Damien Hills, Associate Director Environment	Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)
Mr Kane Moyle, Manager - Environment	Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (CMEWA)
Mr Harry Backes, State Director Western Australia	Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA)
Mr Gary Peacock, Chairman - Property and Resources Committee	Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA (Inc) (PGAWA)
Dr Nic Dunlop, Environmental Science & Policy Coordinator	Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA)
Mr Alan Sands, Director, Environmental Regulation Division	Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)
Mr Anthony Sutton, Director, Assessment and Compliance Division	Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA)
Mr Richard Riordan General Manager Project Facilitation	Department of State Development (DSD)
Mr John Connolly, Director Regulation	Department of Water (DoW)

Objective of the Reforming Environmental Regulation initiative

To implement within the Department a best practice:

- environmental regulatory framework for the Western Australian mineral and energy resources sector; and
- business model that ensures efficient service delivery strategies.

Background

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (Department) is implementing a consultative Reforming Environmental Regulation (RER) program to fully integrate the principles of best practice environmental regulation into its regulatory services. The principles critical to the success of the reform are to ensure that the regulatory services incorporate accountability, transparency, predictability and proportionality and are targeted.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum formed a Ministerial Advisory Panel (MAP) to provide recommendations to him on the implementation of best practice environmental regulation. MAP operated from June to December 2012 and produced a report with 14 recommendations. The Minister for Mines and Petroleum and the Department support the implementation of these recommendations.

The focus of the Reforming Environmental Regulation Advisory Panel (RERAP) will be to provide a forum for industry, community organisations and other State Government agencies at a whole of government level to advise the department on the implementation of the MAP recommendations.

The Environment Division, within the Department, is responsible for implementing the RER initiatives.

The Department's current role is to:

- undertake environmental impact assessment (EIA) and compliance monitoring under the *Mining Act 1978; Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967; Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982; Petroleum Pipelines Act 1969;*
- investigate and enforce compliance with EIA approvals;
- provide information products on its regulatory services; and
- provide advice to other government agencies.

Role

The Reforming Environmental Regulation Advisory Panel will provide advice to the Department on the development and implementation of the MAP recommendations:

<i>Clear Environmental Objectives</i>	
Recommendation 1:	Establish clear and appropriate environmental objectives
Recommendation 2:	Develop meaningful outcomes-based performance indicators
Recommendation 3:	Establish clear and enforceable environmental obligations for mining activities
Recommendation 4:	Implement a robust and transparent relinquishment and abandonment process
<i>Efficient Environmental Regulation</i>	
Recommendation 5:	Implement a full risk-based assessment and compliance methodology for environmental regulation
Recommendation 6:	Revise timelines and efficiency performance indicators, in line with risk-based regulation
Recommendation 7:	DMP will work with other agencies to improve efficiency and eliminate duplication
Recommendation 8:	Improvements in cross-agency policies, such as the Lead Agency Framework, will be addressed in appropriate inter-governmental forums
<i>Improved Transparency and Communication</i>	
Recommendation 9:	Implement a formal Transparency Strategy for DMP
Recommendation 10:	Implement improved stakeholder consultation and communication
<i>Effective Compliance Framework</i>	
Recommendation 11:	Establish an appropriate legislative framework for the environmental regulation of mining
Recommendation 12:	Examine the feasibility of implementing an external review mechanism for enforcement decisions of environmental compliance matters (other than EP Act process)
Recommendation 13:	Identify and articulate DMP's administrative framework for activities to promote compliance in a whole of government context.
Recommendation 14:	Establish clear operational procedures to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of compliance activities

Scope

The Panel will provide advice to the Department on:

- the implementation of the MAP recommendations
- other opportunities to enhance environmental regulatory services in line with the principles of best practice environmental regulation.

The Panel does not have decision making powers, and will not become involved in the day-to-day functioning, specific regulatory decisions, processes or administration of the Department.

Resources and Budget

In addition to the Chair, the Department will also commit resources to support the Panel including:

Mr Simon Skevington	Project Director, Reform Group
Mr David Eyre	Project Manager, Reform Group
Ms Kate Buckley	A/Project Manager, Reform Group
Ms Trish Edgar	A/Project and Policy Officer, Reform Group
Mr Richard Smetana	Environmental Officer, Reform Group
Dr Marnie Leybourne	General Manager Administration and Reform, Environment Division
Mr Steve Tantala	Director Operations, Environment Division

Any reasonable travel costs accrued in support of the Panel will be paid by the Department.

Governance

The Advisory Panel will be chaired by Dr Phil Gorey, Executive Director Environment Division, and will report regularly to the Director General, Department of Mines and Petroleum, on progress.

Reporting Structure and Process

The Advisory Panel will be provided with a progress report from the Department as a standing agenda item. The Panel may consider or approve matters out-of-session, where required.

Term

The Panel will commence at the first meeting of the Panel, and operate until December 2014.

Prior to December 2014, the Panel may make a recommendation to the Department regarding future operation of the Advisory Panel. The Panel may cease if the Director General or a majority of members determine that the Panel has completed its objectives, or is no longer required.

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings are expected to be bimonthly. However, the frequency of, or need for, meetings can be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Chair.

Representatives, Proxies and Observers

Industry bodies and government agencies will nominate appropriate representatives to the Panel, and select a suitable proxy in case the Panel member cannot attend.

Panel members must commit to attending all meetings. If unable to attend, they must ask their proxy to attend on their behalf. Panel members are expected to share any information and correspondence from the Panel meetings with the organisation they represent.

Proxies must be approved by the representative organisation, and is responsible for passing on correspondence to the Panel member.

Should a Panel member need to cease involvement in the Panel for any reason, they must notify the organisation that they represent, advising them to nominate a replacement.

Representatives may invite observers, but this should be minimised and observers cannot participate in meeting discussions. The Department should be given two weeks' notice, to prepare a suitable venue.

Workshops

Workshops may be held to conduct detailed work on the reforms.

Panel members are invited to nominate a person to attend each of the workshops where appropriate. Nominees should preferably be people who deal with environmental/regulatory issues on a regular basis. The person nominated may be different for each workshop. Representatives from other stakeholder groups may also be nominated.

Workshop recommendations will be provided to the Panel.

Information Management

Recording of Proceedings

Meetings will be formally structured. The Agenda and supporting information papers should be provided to Panel members no less than one week in advance of each Panel meeting.

Summarised Minutes and Actions will be circulated to Panel members for feedback and confirmation before being published on the Department's website. If no consensus is reached or there is dissent by the Departmental Advisory Panel, this will be recorded in the minutes.

Obligations

Director General

The Director General appoints the Chair to facilitate meetings, as well as supporting the Reform Group where appropriate.

Chairperson / Executive Director, Environment Division

The Chairperson facilitates each meeting and ensures that the Department considers the advice and feedback from the Panel in further development and implementation of the regulatory reforms, and provides appropriate support to the work of the Panel.

The Chairperson will also represent the regulator, providing advice and information papers as required.

Project Director, Reform Group

The Project Director, Reform Group will ensure that the Project Team provides appropriate and timely executive support to the work of the Panel, and is responsible for project managing implementation and communication of the reforms.

Industry and Community Groups and Government Agencies

Industry and community groups and government agencies are responsible for nominating suitable representatives and proxies to the panel, providing advice to the Department via the panel members, and communicating with their constituent members.

Panel Members & Proxies

Panel members and their proxies are responsible for representing their respective organisation in contributing advice to the Panel and must relay information and correspondence back to those groups.



Government of Western Australia
Ministerial Advisory Panel
"Advising on Reforming Environmental Regulation"

Your ref:

Our ref:

Hon. Norman Moore MLC
Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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Dear Minister

**MINISTERIAL ADVISORY PANEL ON REFORMING ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATION - FINAL REPORT**

I am pleased to present the final report of the Ministerial Advisory Panel on 'Reforming Environmental Regulation in the WA Resources Industry' (MAP).

Following the formation of MAP in June 2012, four working groups were established to allow broad stakeholder discussion and development of recommendations in the areas of Governance, Approvals, Compliance and Petroleum (to identify petroleum specific issues for discussion in the other working groups).

The process was transparent with Terms of Reference, agendas, papers and minutes of all MAP and working group meetings published on the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) website throughout the consultation process.

While there was not always full agreement on issues, as you would expect from a wide stakeholder group such as this, there was robust discussion which usually led to an agreed outcome.

The recommendations provided in the attached report support a move to a formal risk based regulatory framework. The report is the culmination of the efforts of the four working groups and MAP and provides recommendations across four themes:

- Clear Environmental Objectives;
- Efficient Environmental Regulation;
- Improved Transparency and Communication; and
- Effective Compliance Framework.

While MAP's Terms of Reference limited the scope to reform of the DMP's environmental regulation, there is a clear need for reforms across the government regulators, especially reform aimed at reducing duplication.

Fourteen high level recommendations have been developed that will provide the direction needed for DMP to be an effective and efficient environmental regulator in the future. These recommendations are also intended to build community support through improved compliance, consistency and transparency.

The MAP has also identified opportunities for a number of immediate actions and recommends:

1. Increased life of Programme of Works approval

The department currently assesses around 3,000 Programmes of Work (PoW) per year. There has been inconsistency identified in the period of time these are valid. Periods of less than two years can lead to applications being reassessed if there are difficulties getting on site during the approved period. As an outcome of this process the DMP has now extended PoW validity to two years which will substantially decrease the need to reassess applications and potentially reduce the number of PoWs assessed by 30 per cent. However, MAP considers that DMP should also consider the opportunity to further increase the length of time that a PoW is valid, as this will reduce the cost for industry and the regulator. This should be completed and implemented within six months.

2. Review of Environmental Tenement Conditions

The primary means of imposing environmental requirements on Mining Act tenements has been through the application of conditions on tenements. Tenement conditions can also become obsolete or unenforceable as projects change with time. Given the need for transparency and accountability, MAP considers that a review of tenement conditions should be a priority with any general conditions moved to a more appropriate and transparent form of legislation where appropriate. This review should be completed in six months with new legislation in place within a further 12 months.

3. Establish Clear and Appropriate Environmental Objectives

One of the recommendations from all of the working groups was the need to establish clear and appropriate environmental objectives. These objectives need to be known at the beginning of the project. The clear and transparent expectations are needed by industry and the community to effectively understand and manage compliance, risk and ultimately mine closure. The MAP recommends that these should be developed and implemented within six months and will provide the baseline for a number of the other recommendations.

4. Reduce Duplication and Overlap

While this recommendation requires input and agreement from other environmental regulators, MAP considers this to be a fundamental recommendation to improve efficiency and one that has not been removed after previous reviews. There are number of regulatory activities, roles and responsibilities that overlap between the DMP, Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, Department of Environment and Conservation and Department of Water. This overlap should be reduced or removed through statutory change, appropriate delegations, improved administrative arrangements and through common documentation and timelines. Opportunities that should be considered include:

- Removal of overlap of regulation of certain activities on mining tenements, such as crushing and screening operations and some non-contaminated tailings disposal, under both the Mining Act and Part V of Environmental Protection Act 1986;
- Improved timeliness for processing mining applications and compliance reporting that require approvals under both the Mining Act and Part VI of the Environmental Protection Act by increased parallel processing and integration of processes;
- Avoidance of overlap of conditions and approval for Mine Closure Plans under the Mining Act and Part IV Environmental Protection Act; and

- More efficient regulation of water extraction and discharge on exploration and mining tenements under the Mining Act, Environmental protection Act and Rights in Water and Irrigation Act.

The MAP recommends that a working group of senior officers within the government environmental regulators develop a strategy to address the above issues, and any others identified, for approval by the relevant ministers within three months.

5. Appropriately Resourced Reforms

It is not appropriate for an operational area to deliver these reforms, especially within the tight timeframes provided. The MAP recommends that there are appropriately skilled resources allocated to implement the reforms.

6. Ongoing Stakeholder Involvement

This process has identified that there are divergent views which need to be considered if the DMP is to continue with the reform process and be a respected regulator in the future. The MAP recommends that an Advisory Panel should continue in place during the implementation of the reforms.

While it is not within the scope of MAP, members support the accelerated implementation of the Mining Rehabilitation Fund.

The Panel has also requested that you provide advice back to members on what you intend to do with the report and the information that we have provided for you.

Thank you for involving us in this very important reform project. I look forward to discussing the report's findings and recommendations with you.

Yours sincerely

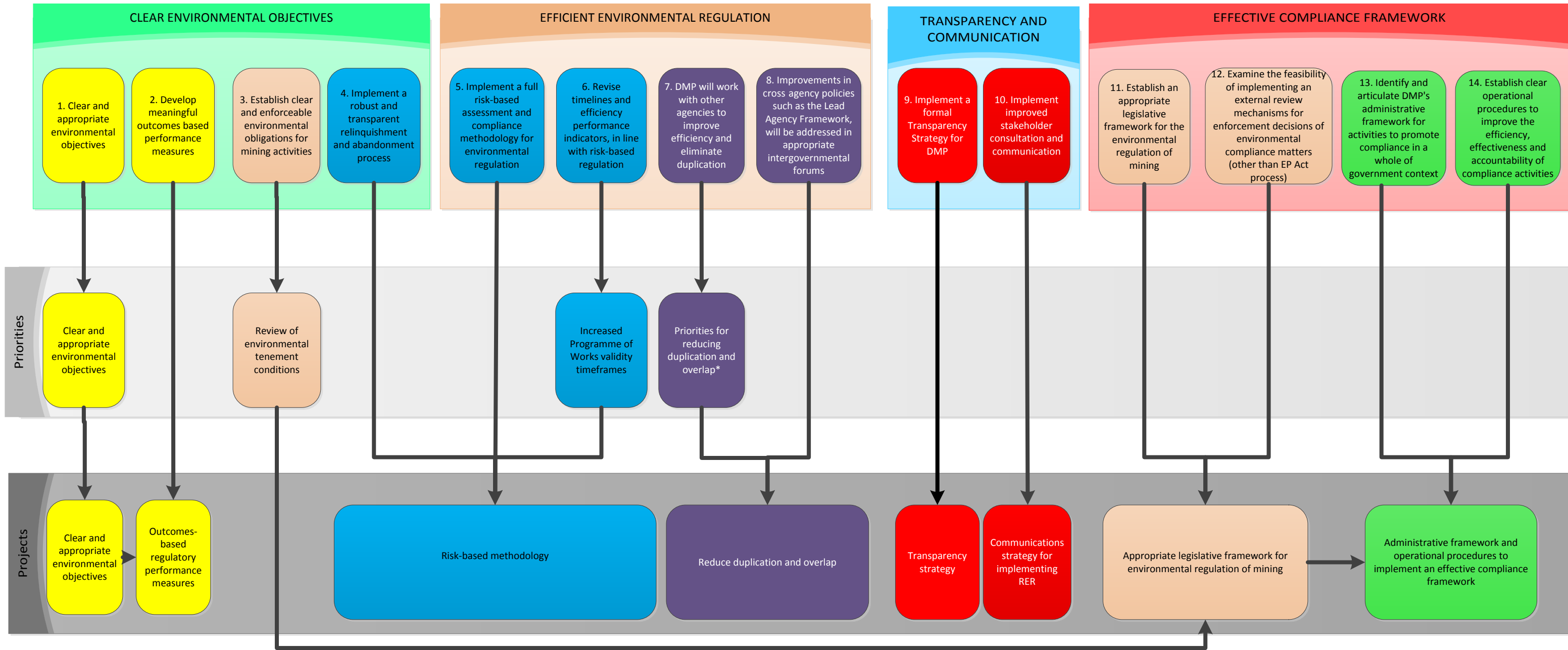


Hon. Cheryl Edwardes
Chairperson
MINISTERIAL ADVISORY PANEL
REFORMING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

December 2012



RER Recommendations - Priorities and Projects



** Priorities for reducing duplication and overlap:
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Improved timeliness for processing mining applications and compliance reporting that require approvals under both the Mining Act and Part VI of the Environmental Protection Act by increased parallel processing and integration of processes;
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More efficient regulation of water extraction and discharge on exploration and mining tenements under the Mining Act, Environmental protection Act and Rights in Water and Irrigation Act.*



Reforming Environmental Regulation (RER)

Proposed reform development process





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RER ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Date:	17 May 2013	Time:	9am 11am
Venue:	Director General's Conference Room – Level 8, Mineral House, 100 Plain St		

Members present, observers and apologies

Present

Dr Phil Gorey (CHAIRPERSON)	Executive Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Mr John Plummer	Vice President, Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association (APLA) (<i>proxy for Mr Kevin Price</i>)
Mr Simon Bennison	Chief Executive Officer, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)
Mr Andrew Taylor	Senior Policy Advisor – WA/NT, Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) (<i>proxy for Mr Damien Hills</i>)
Mr Kane Moyle	Manager – Environment, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (CMEWA)
Mr Harry Backes	State Director Western Australia, Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA)
Mr Milan Zaklan	Policy Director - Resources, Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA (Inc) (PGAWA) (<i>proxy for Mr Gary Peacock</i>)
Dr Nic Dunlop	Environmental Science & Policy Coordinator, Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA)
Mr Alan Sands	Director, Environmental Regulation Division, Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)
Mr Anthony Sutton	Director, Assessment and Compliance Division, Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA)
Mr Richard Riordan	General Manager Project Facilitation, Department of State Development (DSD)
Mr John Connolly	Director Regulation, Department of Water (DoW)
Mr Simon Skevington	Project Director, Reform, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)

Observers

Mr David Eyre	Project Manager, Reform Group, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Ms Kate Buckley	A/Project Manager, Reform Group, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Ms Trish Edgar	A/Project and Policy Officer, Reform Group, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Mr Richard Smetana	Environmental Officer, Reform Group, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP)

Apologies

Mr Damien Hills	Associate Director Environment, Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) (<i>Mr Andrew Taylor attending as proxy</i>)
Mr Kevin Price	Secretary, Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association (APLA) (<i>Mr John Plummer attending as proxy</i>)
Mr Gary Peacock	Chairman - Property and Resources Committee, Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA (Inc) (PGAWA) (<i>Mr Milan Zaklan attending as proxy</i>)



Agenda items discussed and actions to be taken

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Welcome and introductions	
	<p>The Chairperson welcomed members to the first meeting of the Reforming Environmental Regulation Advisory Panel.</p> <p>In May 2012, DMP announced the Reforming Environmental Regulation program. The Minister established a Ministerial Advisory Panel (MAP) to provide advice on identifying and prioritising the reforms, and the Panel produced a report at the end of 2012, including 14 recommendations and six priorities, which were signed off by the Minister. The RER Advisory Panel will provide advice to DMP on the detailed development of the MAP recommendations and how they should be implemented.</p> <p>Reform Group project team are assigned to the RER projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental objectives: Richard Smetana and Trish Edgar • Outcomes-based performance measures: David Eyre & Kate Buckley • Reduce duplication and overlap: Trish Edgar & Richard Smetana • Legislative framework for environmental regulation of mining: Kate Buckley • Transparency strategy: David Eyre & Trish Edgar • Communications strategy: David Eyre & Trish Edgar • Compliance framework: Kate Buckley • Risk-based methodology: Kate Buckley • Programme of Work validity period: Trish Edgar & David Eyre • Review of environmental tenement conditions: Kate Buckley 	
2.	Chairperson for RER Advisory Panel	
	<p>The Executive Director of Environment Division, Dr Phil Gorey, was selected as interim Chairperson for the first meeting of the RER Advisory Panel, until the Panel could meet and discuss who should chair future meetings.</p> <p>The Panel supported Dr Phil Gorey to continue as the Chairperson.</p>	
3.	Terms of Reference	
	<p>The Draft Terms of Reference for the Panel were discussed.</p> <p><i>Role:</i> Need to add in the four priorities identified through the MAP process.</p> <p><i>Scope:</i> Scope is appropriate in providing advice to DMP, but reforms at other agencies should also be discussed, if they may impact on DMP and vice versa - particularly in relation to duplication and overlap issues. Extractive industries approvals under local government also need to be considered.</p> <p><i>Governance:</i> DMP also report to Minister quarterly.</p> <p><i>Reporting Structure and Process:</i> Some matters may need to be considered out of session due to timelines. Volunteer and remote-working Panel members may require additional time to respond. Sometimes consensus may not be reached or there may be a few options proposed to DMP for consideration.</p> <p><i>Term:</i> The Panel will operate until December 2014, though this is dependent upon how long it takes to develop the reforms. As reform tasks are completed, they will</p>	<p>Reform Group to amend Terms of Reference:</p> <p>Role: Add four operational priorities from MAP process</p> <p>Scope: Add: <i>Stakeholders to ensure reforms do not have negative impacts on other agencies and that extractive industries approvals under local government are considered</i></p> <p>Governance: Add that DMP also</p>



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	<p>be implemented during the term of the Panel.</p> <p><i>Frequency of Meetings:</i> Meetings will be scheduled well in advance. Meeting schedule changes should be avoided, but if required, Panel members should be advised well in advance, to minimise inconvenience.</p> <p><i>Workshops:</i> Rather than using a Working Group process, Workshops will be conducted to focus on specific topics, perhaps also in regional areas, if required.</p> <p><i>Recording of proceedings:</i> Agendas and minutes need to be sent as early as possible, due to some Panel members working at remote sites. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of producing minutes, and recordings are later deleted. Minutes should reflect the agreed positions or options rather than covering all of the discussion. Agenda papers and minutes are uploaded to the DMP website, after being endorsed by the Panel.</p>	<p>reports to Minister</p> <p>Reporting Structure and Process: Put second sentence first. Replace "approve" with "provide advice".</p> <p>Frequency of Meetings: Cancellations to be advised with sufficient notice.</p>
4.	Overview of RER process, projects and priorities	
	<p>The Panel discussed the Priorities and Projects Diagram. The MAP report included 14 recommendations, and a covering letter to the Minister included six priorities.</p> <p>Two of the priorities have already been addressed: ongoing stakeholder involvement is occurring via the RER Advisory Panel; and appropriately resourced reforms through the Reform Group project team. The other four priorities are included in the diagram.</p> <p>The recommendations and priorities are grouped into projects, and background work is already underway on most of these. The projects need to be prioritised.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the legislation and industry sectors impacted by the reforms. The main reform areas are identified relate to the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> within DMP, but issues such as duplication and overlap will involve legislation administered by other agencies. Safety-related environmental issues such as noise, dust and abandoned mines will also need to be considered.</p> <p>One of the first priorities is environmental objectives, which underpins many of the other projects, and internal planning meetings have already commenced.</p> <p>The review of environmental tenement conditions is also underway, and the department has also decided to examine conditions for other activities and where there are standard conditions, move these into regulations. This project is a precursor to setting the appropriate legislative framework.</p> <p>Programme of Work validity period was extended to two years, and MAP recommended that further extensions should be considered. Duplication and overlap and remedial actions are being identified in more detail, prior to being prioritised and implemented. Regulatory gaps will be addressed under the legislative framework project. Interim changes may be required in the short term.</p> <p>It was proposed that a project status report will be provided at each Panel meeting, with status update comments and a traffic light system to indicate whether each project is on track. The Panel endorsed this approach, commenting that there is a need to measure success in each project to ensure that it has delivered the expected outcomes by the end of the project. The project status report should also mention the legislation and industry sectors affected.</p>	<p>Panel to ensure that safety-related environmental issues are considered</p> <p>Project team to ensure project status report includes legislation and industry sectors affected; project manager names; and measures of success.</p>
5.	Workshops	
	Panel members to nominate representatives for four workshops:	



Item	Topic	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental objectives • Duplication and overlap • Risk-based regulatory framework • Programme of Work validity period <p>CCWA highlighted that there are three components for environmental objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to confirm that the environmental objectives are reasonable and that they accurately represent the interests of the community as a whole. To be legitimate, wider consultation should occur – environmental objectives should not be decided by the Panel or its representatives alone. We need to determine, perhaps through surveys, the community's expectations for environmental objectives, and whether there are gaps between the <i>perceived</i> outcome and the <i>actual</i> outcome. • There are environmental objectives in other agencies, such as Department of Environment and Conservation, Office of the EPA, and Department of Water, and we need to ensure that any environmental objectives developed for DMP sit appropriately in the whole-of-government objectives framework. • Environmental objectives need to be clear, meaningful and measurable, so that it can be determined whether they are being met. Objectives set at an operational level for individual mining and exploration projects need to be aggregated so that they can be reported against as a performance measure for the agency which is regulating the industry. <p>The environmental objectives discussion paper needs to be finalised before the next Panel meeting, or it will delay the reform process. The discussion paper should be circulated for feedback before proceeding.</p> <p>CCWA requested that the duplication and overlap workshop also examine gaps where it is unclear which agency is responsible for particular aspects of environmental regulation. <i>[NOTE: There was conflicting feedback on how to address this issue. It is to be discussed at the next meeting.]</i></p>	<p>Project Team to email Panel members to request representatives for each workshop</p> <p>Panel members to nominate reps to attend workshops</p> <p>Project Team to send environmental objectives paper to panel members, and include CCWA comments.</p> <p>Panel members to provide feedback by 7 June 2013, and decide on whether DMP can proceed with the workshop.</p> <p>Project Team to add regulatory gaps to next RER Advisory Panel meeting agenda</p>
6.	Other business	
	<p>Other groups are considering reform issues, such as the Government's Parliamentary Stakeholder Reference Group (run by the Department of Premier and Cabinet), which has a strong interest in the outcomes from the RER Panel. Groups such as these should communicate their outcomes with the Panel and vice-versa.</p> <p>The Panel requested that project discussion papers include an overview of what other Government groups are doing in relation to that issue, to ensure that their advice is appropriate and prevent overlap. However, the RER Panel should work in parallel with the other groups and not be dictated or delayed by them.</p> <p>APPEA noted that as petroleum has different legislation, petroleum-specific issues may be better dealt with through other consultative arrangements with DMP. This would enable the Panel to focus on mining-specific issues.</p>	<p>Project team to identify other government groups which may need to liaise with the Panel and discussion papers to include overview of what the other groups are doing in relation to each project.</p> <p>APPEA & DMP to discuss consultative arrangements</p>
7.	Schedule of meetings	
	<p>Meetings to be bimonthly on Fridays at 9.30am, and need to tie in with DEC and EPA reform meetings.</p>	<p>Project team to send proposed dates for meetings to Panel members</p>