

Western Australian Land Access Working Group

Access to private land for resource sector activities



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

INCLUSIVE | ADAPTIVE | RESPONSIVE | RESPECTFUL

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Stakeholder engagement is a crucial component in the development of the recommendations to the State Government about improving land access arrangements for resource development on private land, within Western Australia.

The Western Australian Land Access Working Group (working group) will be seeking input from a wide range of stakeholders, offering a variety of consultation opportunities.

Consultation outcomes and information about the working group's deliberations will be publicly available on the working group's webpage, on the Department of Mines and Petroleum's (DMP) website.

HISTORY OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

In 2013, the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs identified the emerging unconventional gas industry in Western Australia was a source of community interest.

The Standing Committee subsequently undertook a two-year investigation of hydraulic fracturing and its implications for the State, with particular emphasis on environmental considerations. The Standing Committee's Report (No. 42) was tabled in the Legislative Council on 17 November 2015.

The Government response to the twelve recommendations in the report was tabled in the Legislative Council on 16 March 2016.

The State Government established the working group to address recommendations 5 and 6 of the report, which relate to resource development on private land. This provides an opportunity to extend consideration of land access issues across the wider resources sector and to consider a diverse range of stakeholder views.

Representatives of peak industry bodies, agricultural groups, local government, conservation groups, Aboriginal interests, and relevant Government agencies will form the membership of the working group.

It is expected the working group will prepare a report to Government outlining its findings and recommendations by the end of 2017.



PRINCIPLES UNDERPINNING OUR APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is guided by the following principles:

Inclusive – We will seek to understand and acknowledge stakeholders' views and consider the issues from their perspective.

Adaptive – We will use methods of engagement that suit the group being consulted.

Responsive – We will keep stakeholders informed by providing transparent, timely and consistent information and feedback.

Respectful – We will engage in a manner that encourages mutual trust and respect.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are to:

- Provide stakeholders with up-to-date information about the working group's deliberations.
- Create opportunities for people to provide relevant information about their experiences with Western Australia's land access arrangements for resource development on private land.
- Acknowledge and value stakeholders' contributions to the review process.

IDENTIFYING OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Our stakeholders are individuals or groups with an interest in land access arrangements for resource development on private land.

In preparing the stakeholder engagement strategy, the working group identified more than 50 stakeholder groups, which can be broadly categorised as follows:

- Landholders.
- Industry groups.
- Agricultural groups.
- Conservation groups.
- Community groups.
- Aboriginal people.
- Local Governments.
- State Government Ministers and Members of Parliament.
- Commonwealth and State government agencies and departments.

WHY WE ARE ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

Engagement offers us an opportunity to draw on people's experiences, identify issues and explore how land access arrangements for private land can be improved in the future.

The engagement activities aim to:

Consult:

Seek stakeholders' feedback and input into the recommendations to Government.

Inform:

Provide details about the deliberations of the working group.

HOW WE WILL ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Consult:

- Release of consultation paper (June 2017)
- Regional engagement activities (July 2017)
- Release of 'draft' final report (October 2017)

Inform:

The working group webpage will include:

- Meeting dates
- Meeting communiques
- Links to related material
- Details of stakeholder engagement activities
- Consultation reports and summaries

HOW CAN YOU INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME?

Your feedback will inform the working group and assist in the development of its recommendations to Government.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH YOUR FEEDBACK?

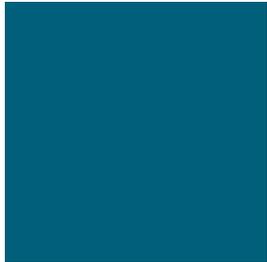
Consultation summaries will be publicly available within 30 days of the close of any consultation period. These summaries will be published on the working group webpage.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

For the most up to date information on opportunities to provide your feedback, or to comment on the engagement process visit:

www.dmp.wa.gov.au/WALandAccessWG
or email: LandAccessWA@dmp.wa.gov.au





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The Western Australian Land Access Working Group (working group) was established in 2016 by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) in response to a Parliamentary Inquiry. The Inquiry was undertaken by the Environment and Public Affairs Committee investigating the *Implications for Western Australia of Hydraulic Fracturing for Unconventional Gas*.

DMP chairs the working group, provides secretariat support and assists with the production of the working group's publications.