



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Mines and Petroleum**

Black Diamond Abandoned Mine Site UPDATE

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Black Diamond Pit Lake. Source DMP 2015

Black Diamond Working Group's first meeting a success

I am pleased to announce that the Black Diamond Working Group held its first meeting last month regarding the Department of Mines and Petroleum's (DMP) proposed rehabilitation works at the abandoned mine site.

The meeting was attended by key project stakeholders including representatives from the Shire of Collie, Department of Lands, Collie Visitor Centre, Black Diamond Action Group, adjoining landowners and DMP.

It is great to hear that DMP is receiving strong support and participation from agency stakeholders and the community as part of its efforts to ensure that a sound safety and environmental outcome is achieved at the site.

DMP is proposing to use a portion of the interest earned through the Mining Rehabilitation Fund to undertake works including battering down the steep and unsafe southern pit wall, as well as subsequent revegetation works.

While the department is only able to use funds to make the site safe stable and non-polluting, a number of possible future options for the site, which the community may wish to implement, were also discussed.

At the recent Working Group meeting, members agreed that battering down the pit wall and revegetating the area would be a good way to ensure that the community's safety and environmental concerns are addressed at the site.

The Black Diamond Pit Lake is the first of four pilot sites to be rehabilitated as part of DMP's Abandoned Mines Program, the first of its kind in Australia.

A Community Forum to enable the department to consult more broadly on the proposed works at the site has now been arranged for Tuesday 10 May 2016.

I look forward to providing more updates on the project as it progresses.

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