



# MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

## COMMUNIQUE – March 2022

A summary of the  
Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 23 March 2022

### 1. Interest Rates

The Panel acknowledged the limited funds available for addressing legacy projects during a period of historically low interest rates. The Panel facilitated a discussion exploring options to support high risk and ongoing legacy projects during such periods.


### 2. Indigenous contractors and engagement with traditional owners

The Panel noted the work undertaken by DMIRS in relation to the engagement of indigenous contractors. The Abandoned Mines Program is progressing projects that manage risk for the broader community and are doing so in a way that engages indigenous contractors where possible.

Due to Covid-19 and current travel restrictions within indigenous communities, the Panel acknowledged the difficulties the Abandoned Mines Program is experiencing in undertaking the Ashmore Seppelt and Bulong projects, where engagement with traditional owners is an essential component.

### 3. Ellendale project

The Panel in collaboration with DMIRS reflected on the numerous significant learnings experienced as part of administering the Ellendale project to date. The Panel noted the significant improvements made to managing complex procurement processes and the how these changes will be embedded into future projects.



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