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The proposed amendments do not take the process of regulatory reform very far being largely about legal instruments for the MRF.

The hazard of giving back bonds in exchange for signing up for the MRF has been starkly illustrated by the collapse of GMK Exploration operator of the failed Meekatharra Goldmine. This company opted in , got release from \$3million in bonds, then sunk the company. A good deal for them, MRF has raised \$ 2.2m from the industry and incurred a \$3m legacy! Legislation to send such people to jail or incur a high personal cost is needed urgently with lots of medium sized operators likely to shut down in the near future.

As previously stated from our perspective the legislation required is

1. - A mines environmental Act subject to audit by the EPA and including a legal - delegation. -
2. - The ability to comprehensively regulate to protect the environment, not just ground disturbance.
3. - Movement away from secondary approval through Conditions to Environmental Regulations with penalties other than tenement forfeiture.
4. - The ability to protect the environment outside tenement boundaries.

The proposed transparency amendment continues to deny citizens the 3rd party rights they have to refer proposals to the EPA under Section 38 of the Environmental Protection Act.

Cheers

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