MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE - May 2021

A summary of the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 19 May 2021

1. Interest Rates

MRAP acknowledged the ongoing challenges, new priorities and adjustment of the work program necessary for work priorities within the Abandoned Mines Program (AMP), due to the current low interest rates and reduced budget. The Panel are encouraged by the work that has been done in the prioritisation and adjustment of work priorities, whilst keeping an ongoing focus on risk with the efficient use of resources.

2. Bulong Pilot Project

The Panel also wished to acknowledge work being conducted by the AMP in relation to its Bulong Shaft Identification Project. Expenses for this work is coming from MRF interest with the project being part of a broader plan to build a sustainable aboriginal employment program.

A local indigenous company has been contracted to identify shafts and categorise abandoned mine features in line with the AMP's risk profile. The company is also assisting to ensure broader Aboriginal interests are identified and integrated into the AMP's risk matrix.

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