

Mining Industry Advisory Committee

COMMUNIQUE

A summary of the
Mining Industry Advisory Committee meeting on 15 February 2018

1. First 2018 Meeting and Membership Changes

Mr Andrew Chaplyn, Director Mines Safety, Safety Regulation Group DMIRS assumed the role of Acting MIAC Chair in accordance with the MIAC Terms of Reference.

The Chair welcomed Members to the first MIAC meeting for 2018. Members were informed of previous membership changes and recent resignations that had been received. Members discussed the implications of these developments for MIAC's ongoing operations.

2. Statutory Position Examination Changes

Members discussed proposed changes to examination methodology for statutory positions administered by the Boards of Examiners under the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*.

3. Presentation – Resources Industry Training Council / Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA - Verification of Competency (VoC) Framework

Members received a presentation on the Verification of Competency (VoC) framework for High Risk Work (HRW) licensing administered by the Resources Industry Training Council / Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA.

4. DMIRS Safety and Health Representatives Engagement

Members were advised of initiatives undertaken by DMIRS during the preceding year aimed at providing greater support for, and promoting engagement of, the elected Safety and Health representatives (SHReps) working in the Western Australian mining industry.

Members discussed the improved communication protocols; Safety Regulation System (SRS) developments, online training initiatives that had been achieved and recent industry-related forums convened to support DMIRS-SHReps engagement.

5. Deloitte Report – Progress Update

Members received a progress update from the 2016 Mines Safety Branch resourcing and funding independent assessment report (Deloitte Report) for information.

Members discussed the Deloitte Report during 2017 and agreed MIAC should be provided updates on the recommendations from the report.

6. Lithium Awareness Information Session

Members considered background information relating to a Lithium Awareness Information Session held by DMIRS for industry on 14 February 2018.

7. Work Health and Safety legislation reforms

The Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Panel (MAP), provided members with an update on the progress that MAP has made in its review of the suite of provisions included within the draft occupational health and safety legislation.

8. Mental Health Strategies Working Group (MHSWG)

The MHSWG Chair advised Members of the MHSWG having completed the draft FIFO Code of practice. The Minister was provided with copy of the draft code of practice and it was released for public consultation on 16 February 2018. The feedback and comments period will close on 19 April 2018.

Members noted the MHSWG has proposed it meet next in April 2018 prior to MIAC.

9. Nano Diesel Particulate Matter Working Group

Members were advised the Nano Diesel Particulate Matter Working Group and the project sponsors met on Tuesday 30 January 2018. The Chair provided a broad overview of information that participants considered at these meetings.

Members noted the next project progress report for the research project is due in March 2018 and it is proposed a project sponsors meeting be held in April 2018.

10. Significant incident report

There were no Significant Incident Reports (SIRs) to report to Members.

11. Mines Safety statistics

Members considered the background to the new format and presentation of mines safety statistics reports that were included in the agenda.

The Chair advised that since the MIAC December 2017 meeting DMIRS had confirmed a mining-related fatality during October 2017, previously advised as non-work related.

Members noted the Director Mines Safety proposed to circulate information to industry to help raise awareness regarding health and safety and heat.

12. Next meeting: 19 April 2018

For further information on the Mining Industry Advisory Committee, please email RSDCommittees@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Andrew Chaplyn – Acting Chair