



MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE –1/2023

A summary of the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on Wednesday 29th March 2023

1. Mining Rehabilitation fund ten- year legislative review

The panel noted that that DMIRS intends to engage an independent third party to undertake the review. The panel will be consulted throughout the process and will have opportunities to contribute.

2. Endorsement of Reid's Ridge project

The Reids Ridge project is located within the Karara Rangeland Park, within the Midwest region of Western Australia. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Badimia Traditional Owners are progressing Joint management plan for the park.

There are significant safety risks associated with the shaft features and due to previous mining activities. Stakeholder engagement is currently underway to inform the development of the project which intends to minimise the safety risks and enhance future use of the site through rehabilitation.

The panel agreed to endorse the declaration of the Reids Ridge site as an abandoned mine under the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012* to enable commencement of the work.

3. Endorsement of Northampton Shafts project

The Northampton shafts project is located on the outskirts of the Northampton town side in the Midwest region. The project includes three historical mining areas: Wheal Ellen, Commonage and Wanerenooka.

Desktop assessments of the Commanage and Wanerenooka sites indicate significant safety risks. Geotechnical investigations are scheduled and the assessments are anticipated to commence during the year.

The panel agreed to endorse the declaration of the Commonage and Wanerenooka sites as an abandoned mine under the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012* to enable commencement of the work.

4. Endorsement of Safer Shafts for Towns project

The Safer Shafts for Towns project focuses on the rehabilitation of historical abandoned mines features located in close proximity to the schools in regional towns. Through the stakeholder engagement phase of the works program in Cue, a report of



a recently collapsed shaft was received and subsequently investigated; based on geotechnical advice it requires backfilling.

The panel agreed to endorse the declaration of the Safer Shafts for Towns site in Cue as an abandoned mine under the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012* to enable commencement of the work.

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Renee Young
Chairperson