



MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE – JULY 2015

A summary of the
Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 23 July 2015

1. Project timelines for the four pilot sites.

The Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel agreed with the department's recommended timeframes for the commencement of work on the four (4) pilot sites previously chosen under the under the Abandoned Mines Programme.

Stakeholder engagement will commence on Black Diamond and Proforce first with the preparation stage for Black Diamond starting in the second half of 2015. The Panel will periodically review the pilot sites progress and the scheduled timeframe and provide advice on resourcing. Stakeholder engagement is expected to commence for Proforce in Coolgardie in late 2015 and Bulong and Elverton in 2016.

2. Abandoned Mines Policy

The Panel was provided an updated draft Abandoned Mines Policy at the Panel's meeting held in March.

The draft Abandoned Mines Policy was released for public comment on the DMP website for a period of eight (8) weeks. After this time, the public comments received will be incorporated into the final draft version of the Abandoned Mines Policy which will be provided to the Panel again for final endorsement at the next meeting in November.

3. Mining Rehabilitation Fund Yearly Report

The Panel discussed the development of a yearly report for the Mining Rehabilitation Fund and the department has agreed to provide a draft version of this at the Panel's next meeting in November. The report will contain a summary of projects details including information from the department's Annual Report and budgetary papers such as interest generated by the fund, total capital and expected expenditure.

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Chair