



MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE – November 2021

A summary of the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 24 November 2021

1. Donnybrook Project

The Donnybrook project is a joint project with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to address significant safety risks in a section of the Argyle forest block south of Donnybrook. Investigations have been completed and DMIRS is progressing procurement to ensure open shafts adjoining an access road are backfilled.

The Panel agreed to endorse a notice to gazette the Donnybrook site as an abandoned mine under the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012* to enable commencement of the work to remediate the shafts.

2. Ashmore Seppelt Project

The Ashmore Seppelt project located 75 km east of Kalumburu and 150 km northwest of Wyndham is at desktop study stage. Issues around the site include uncontained rubbish, structures and potentially acid forming material.

Due to difficulties getting into site, currently only accessible via helicopter, a degraded 4x4 access requires major work to facilitate site access and rehabilitation activities.

The Panel agreed to endorse a notice to gazette the Ashmore site access road under the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012* to enable commencement of work to remediate the site.

3. Procurement

Procurement related issues have contributed to significant delays in the execution of the AMP works program, however significant milestones have been achieved with the development of works templates specific to the AMP which can be executed under the auspices of the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012* through the DMIRS Procurement Services rather than through the Department of Finance works program. The AMP have also employed a dedicated procurement specialist who now manages all AMP procurements; the establishment of this role has already seen a significant improvement in procurement timelines.

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