



MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE – June 2022

A summary of the
Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 16 June 2022

1. **Ellendale Project**

The deconstruction of the redundant equipment and clean-up program underway on the Ellendale site is progressing ahead of schedule with the E9 plant area close to being completed. Photos of the work being undertaken were shared with the Panel to provide an appreciation of the scale of the operation underway.

2. **School shafts Project**

The Aboriginal contractor Gee Gie have engaged with the communities employing local Aboriginal people to work on Country, at least one in each of the Shires within the current program.

Gee Gie have completed the drone surveys and they expect to be out in the field undertaking the ground work in July.

Gee Gie are working really well on the project, with strong stakeholder engagement within the local communities.

3. **Interest rates**

DMIRS is working with Treasury on a revised funding model that will support high risk and ongoing legacy projects during periods of extremely low interest. The current low interest rates has had a negative effect on the Abandoned Mines Program and its priority projects funded by the interest portion of the MRF.

4. **MRF 10 Year Legislative Review**

The scope of the Mining Rehabilitation Fund 10 Year Legislative Review was discussed at an MRAP Panel workshop held 17 February 2022 where the Panel provided input into the details of the scope.



5. Covid impacts on the Abandoned Mines Program

Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the Abandoned Mines Program. Engagement with Traditional Owners is an essential part of the program and the team continues to be affected by the Covid-19 travel restrictions within indigenous communities.

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Sally Audeyev
Chairperson