



# MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

## COMMUNIQUE- MARCH 2015

A summary of the  
Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on 19 March 2015

### 1. Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy

The Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel endorsed the Panel's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy, which had been developed in accordance with the Western Australian Public Sector Commission's governance guide for Government board and committee members.

The Code of Conduct and the Conflict of Interests Policy will guide Panel members to act in accordance with the community's, the mining industry, and the government's expectations, as well as their statutory responsibilities.

### 2. Draft Abandoned Mines Policy

The Panel considered the draft *Abandoned Mines Policy*, which had been prepared by the Department of Mines and Petroleum.

Key features of the draft policy include:

- community safety;
- environmental issues;
- the economic potential for industry; and
- cultural and social significance issues.

The draft policy is expected to be released for public comment in early April 2015.

Feedback from the consultation process will be considered and the draft policy will be revised where appropriate, before it is considered again by the Panel at its June meeting.

Once adopted by DMP, the *Abandoned Mines Policy* will be released publicly and published on DMP's website.

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Chair