

Mining Industry Advisory Committee

COMMUNIQUE

A summary of the
Mining Industry Advisory Committee meeting on 19 October 2017

1. **Presentation: Assigned Resources Based on Risk (ARBOR)**

Members received a presentation on an initiative known as ARBOR. The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) is using ARBOR to better manage and present data, to improve industry compliance and accountability.

2. **Kenner Review**

Members noted the background to the Kenner Review and recommendations subsequent the Deloitte 2016 Report into the implementation of the review outcomes. Members considered the relationship of these reviews to the work the Minister has now asked the Ministerial Advisory Panel (MAP) to consider in progressing Work Health and Safety legislation reforms.

3. **Coronial Practice in Western Australia**

Members discussed the Coroners Amendment Bill 2017 currently before Parliament and the implications of a number of proposed changes for the Coroner's role in conducting coronial investigations in Western Australia.

4. **Work Health and Safety legislation reforms**

The Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Panel on Work Health and Safety Reform (MAP) provided an update to members on the progress of the proposed Work Health and Safety Bill and the proposed regulations.

5. **Mental Health Strategies Working Group (MHSWG)**

Members were provided with an update from the Chair of the MHSWG. Members discussed correspondence from the Minister to the MIAC Chair relating to progress of the draft FIFO Code of Practice.

MIAC approved the Chair of the MHSWG and the Acting Chair for the MIAC October 2017 meeting collaborating out of session in drafting a reply letter to inform the Minister of MIAC's proposed approach for preparing the draft FIFO Code of Practice and the associated timeframes.

6. **Nano Diesel Particulate Matter (nDPM) Working Group**

Members were advised that the research project had commenced with the research group having recently located onsite to undertake data collection.

Members also noted that it now appears nDPM is generating considerable interest as a research issue among larger producers throughout the mining industry.

7. **Significant incident report**

Members were advised there were no Significant Incident Reports issued since the last period.

8. Mines Safety statistics

Members noted the mines safety statistics included in the agenda papers.

9. Proposed increases to penalties under the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994

The Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum requested that MIAC be informed of an initiative the McGowan Government has taken in increasing penalties under both the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1984* (OSH Act) and the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* (MSI Act). MIAC was requested to consider endorsing the Government's approach, if appropriate.

MIAC approved Members considering the Government's proposal and the MIAC recommendation out of session with feedback being provided to enable the Acting MIAC Chair to write to the Minister.

10. Next meeting: 7 December 2017

For further information on the Mining Industry Advisory Committee, please email RSDCommittees@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Stephanie Mayman – A/Chair