

MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE – 1/2025

A summary of the
Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Meeting on Wednesday 19 February 2025

1. Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel member appointments

Andrew Buckley has been selected and appointed as the Panel's newest member. He joins the current team, bringing extensive expertise in mine planning, rehabilitation, and strategic project management across iron ore and coal mining operations. Andrew also offers significant experience in environmental operations and community engagement.

In August 2024, the department issued a notice inviting expressions of interest following Helen Chernoff's resignation from the panel. DEMIRS received expressions of interest from a diverse pool of applicants and the department extends its gratitude to all who submitted their applications. DEMIRS also extends its sincere gratitude to Helen for her significant contributions during her tenure.

The remaining members term will cease in August 2025 and the department expects to publish a notice to call for expression of interests on the department's website in the coming weeks.

2. Ellendale Project

Early rainfall resulted in an earlier than planned close of the second season under the Buru Rehab contract, planning for mobilisation back to site post wet season now in progress. The next contract for the final earth works program will be awarded before the current contract to facilitate handover of the camp management if required.

3. Reid's Ridge Project

Deconstruct tender has been released as a restricted tender only open to indigenous businesses. Clean up work will be done, then the geotechnical and shaft work will be completed. Project close out should occur within 2 years.

4. Colleries Project

Initial geotechnical and geochemistry contract work is underway. Colleries layer of maps have been redigitised, all are now publicly available via MINDEX and GeoVIEW. The project will be on the agenda for the next MRAP/Abandoned Mines Program (AMP) workshop.

5. Elverdton Project

The Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) is coming to its conclusion, the report will be provided within 6-8 weeks. DSI has identified dust impacts are more significant than previously expected.

6. Safer Shafts for Towns Project

Great work being undertaken by the project lead coordinating all of the geotechnical work and stakeholder engagement.

Cue

Commencing the process later this year.

Marble Bar

Stakeholder engagement will commence in the coming months.

Yalgoo

Highlighted risks associated with shafts adjacent to the road to be included in the projects phase 2.



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Stewart Shaft Cue The panel supported the proposed revocation of the Stewart Shaft Cue and congratulated the AMP on completion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Young".

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Renee Young
Chairperson