



Department of Mines,
Petroleum and Exploration

Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel (MRAP)

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Role of the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel

The Panel were asked to consider whether it has observed a need for amendments or opportunities for their role, in the operation or existing framework of the Panel.

The Panel, since their last statutory meeting, have worked independently to discuss what they view as key items for change and this Panel meeting focussed on a presentation provided by the Panel that outlined the initial vision and purpose of the new iteration of MRAP.

The proposal does not seek for MRAP to become a delivery or regulatory body; rather, it reinforces its role as an independent source of expert advice. By integrating financial, environmental, social and regulatory perspectives, MRAP considers that it may assist Government balance competing priorities and make robust, defensible decisions including attending any specialist working groups if needed.

MRAP endeavours to finalise a discussion paper for DMPE's consideration in which it proposes that MRAP transition slightly away from the operational administration oversight of the Fund to a forward looking strategic advisory role.

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Chair