

Yeelirrie Uranium Project
Response to Submissions

Attachment 12

Letter from DSD re Mine Closure Plans



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **State Development**

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Dear Mr Reilly

Over the past number of years the Government has sought to streamline and improve approvals processes relating to resource development projects across Western Australia and has introduced key reforms.

In 2011 the Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans (Guidelines) were released and, based on industry feedback, were revised in 2015. In July 2013 the Mining Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) was introduced, one outcome of which is an improved level of reporting of land disturbances associated with resources development projects.

The Government has now decided that it will ask all State Agreement companies to prepare and submit Mine Closure Plans in accordance with the Guidelines and to report land disturbance data consistent with the MRF categories, (as set out in Schedule 1 of the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Regulations 2013*), in their Annual Environmental Reports to the Department of State Development (DSD).

The Guidelines and information about the MRF disturbance categories can be found online at the Department of Mines and Petroleum website (www.dmp.wa.gov.au).

The provision of this information will assist industry and the State to responsibly manage resource developments for Western Australia's future.

I have asked each DSD project manager to work with the relevant State Agreement company to achieve the above outcome. If you have any queries concerning this matter, please contact Richard Riordan, General Manager Project Facilitation on 9222 0742.

Yours sincerely

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