

**MINING REHABILITATION FUND ACT — REVIEW**

*Statement by Minister for Mines and Petroleum*

**MR D.R. MICHAEL (Balcatta — Minister for Mines and Petroleum)** [9.21 am]: Under the Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act 2012, the Cook Labor government has carried out a 10-year legislative review into the operation and effectiveness of the act. The Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act received royal assent in November 2012 and since that time has served as the primary financial assurance mechanism protecting Western Australians from having to fund the rehabilitation of abandoned mines. The review broadly identified that the Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act is functioning well and meeting its intended objectives. This is a testament to the industry's compliance and the department's administration of its responsibilities.

The required review commenced in July 2023 and was undertaken by Marsden Jacob Associates in collaboration with the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. I thank Marsden Jacob Associates for undertaking the review on the government's behalf and acknowledge the department for supporting the process. I would also like to thank the wide range of stakeholders that contributed to the review. I understand community, industry and non-government organisations provided valuable insight into how they perceive the act achieving its objectives.

I table the review to the house and will release it to the broader community and industry later this week. The department will now commence working with key stakeholders on a response to the recommendations.

I now table this review.

[See paper 2774.]