

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE SELECT COMMITTEE INTO MINING ON PINJIN STATION

Recommendation 1: The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety review its processes in relation to the preparation of ministerial briefing notes to ensure that the information they contain is accurate and complete.

Since the time when the specific ministerial briefing note was prepared (November 2016), the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety has improved the administration and internal processes regarding the preparation of Ministerial briefing notes.

Recommendation 2: That the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety consider developing a procedure by which interested parties can be notified of the granting or refusal of an application to approve a mining proposal.

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) considers that stakeholder engagement should be undertaken as part of the development of a mining proposal and prior to submission of the mining proposal to DMIRS for assessment. This is reflected in DMIRS' Statutory Guidelines for Mining Proposals (2020) which requires mining proposals to include information on stakeholder engagement undertaken to date and a strategy for ongoing engagement.

Once approved, mining proposals are made publically available through the DMIRS Mines and Mineral Deposits (MINDEX) system, however, this requires a search of MINEDEX to locate the specific mining proposal. The Western Australian Government acknowledges that there would be a more transparent way of publishing approved proposals, such as listing these by region on the Department's website, and will investigate how this can be made more efficient and prioritise this change alongside other system initiatives.