

Mintabie Oversight Committee
Terms of Reference
Subject to endorsement by the Minister for Energy and Mining

Background

Mintabie is a township located on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. The South Australian Government leases the township area from APY.

The Minister for Energy and Mining wrote to the Chairperson of the APY Executive Board on 28 June 2018, advising of his intention to surrender the Township Lease Area on 30 June 2019.

Purpose

The Mintabie Oversight Committee will provide advice to the Minister for Energy and Mining and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation so that the State Government can:

- meet its obligations resulting from the termination of the lease; and
- ensure the orderly transition of control of the land covered by the lease to APY on 1 July 2019.

Functions

The Committee will:

1. Assist APY to determine the future of the Mintabie township area and to identify APY's preferences for the ongoing management of the area after 30 June 2019.
2. Facilitate discussions between all relevant parties at the appropriate time to determine and clarify arrangements after 30 June 2019.
3. Identify the impacts of the termination of the lease - including remediation - on Mintabie licence holders and Anangu and – where appropriate – address these impacts.
4. Provide input to the State Government's review of the future of opal mining on the Mintabie Precious Stones Field.
5. Identify the operational requirements (if any) for APY to assume responsibility for the ongoing administration of the Mintabie township area after 30 June 2019 and advise the Ministers on appropriate transition support and budgetary impacts.

Accountability

The Committee is accountable to the Minister for Energy and Mining.

Power

The Committee is an advisory committee that will provide advice to the Minister for Energy and Mining and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

Term

These Terms of Reference are effective from 28 August 2018 until 30 June 2019.

Records, Communications and Confidentiality

Minutes will be kept of all meetings and will be formalised by acceptance at a subsequent meeting. A secretariat will be provided by the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM).

All communications on behalf of the Committee, including with the media, must originate from or be approved by the Chairperson.

All discussions of, and information considered by, the Committee are confidential unless expressly deemed otherwise by the Chairperson or through resolution of the Committee.

Membership

- Paul Case, Independent Chairperson
- Murray George, APY Board Member
- Bernard Singer, APY Board Member
- Anton Baker, APY Board Member
- Rosemary Lester, WAC
- Karina Lester, WAC
- Nerida Saunders, DPC-AAR
- Chief Supt. Dean Miller, SAPOL
- Mike Fordham, PM&C
- Paul Heithersay, DEM
- Alexandra Blood, DEM
- Sam Walker, DEM

Meetings

The Mintabie Oversight Committee will meet every two months, or more regularly, as issues require.

Committee members are encouraged to make themselves available for all meetings given their critical roles and their seniority necessary for the resolution of issues and decision-making. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, that member should provide their position on important issues to the support team before the meeting.

A quorum of the Committee may be formed by any five or more members, of which at least one must be an APY representative.

Appropriate costs for meeting attendance for the Chairperson and APY members will be met by DEM. Other members will meet their own costs.

Acronyms

- APY - Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
- WAC - Walatina Aboriginal Corporation
- DPC-AAR – Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
- SAPOL – SA Police
- DEM – Department for Energy and Mining
- PM&C – Department for the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Commonwealth)