

Background

Mintabie is a remote opal mining town on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in far north South Australia.

A review of the Mintabie Lease and Mintabie Township Lease Agreement was conducted in 2017. The former Government announced on 14 February 2018 that it would close the Mintabie township as per the recommendations of the review report.

In June 2018, the Minister for Energy and Mining provided 12-months written notice to APY regarding the State's intention to terminate the Mintabie Lease, and on 30 June 2019, control of the Mintabie Township area transitioned to APY.

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

- ensure the orderly transition of control of the land covered by the lease to APY on and from 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 1 July 2019 until 31 December 2020.

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

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| □ Paul Case, Independent Chairperson | □ Nerida Saunders, DPC-AAR |
| □ Murray George, APY Board Member | □ Chief Supt. Dean Miller, SAPOL |
| □ Bernard Singer, APY Board Member | □ James Armitage, NIAA |
| □ Anton Baker, APY Board Member | □ Paul Heithersay, DEM |
| □ Rosemary Lester, WAC | □ Alexandra Blood, DEM |
| □ Karina Lester, WAC | □ Sam Walker, DEM |

Meetings

The Mintabie Oversight Committee will meet 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 pre-agreed 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
- NIAA - National Indigenous Australians Agency (Commonwealth)