Government of Western Australia Department of the Premier and Cabinet



Minister for Mines an

26/6/15

MEDIA STATEMENT

Fees on hold ahead of new WA mining reforms

The introduction of any cost-recovery fees for processing mining and higher-impact prospecting applications will be deferred to complement the passage of major reform legislation, set to benefit the industry through simpler, more streamlined approvals.

Mines and Petroleum Minister Bill Marmion said he had listened to constructive industry input. The Minister paid special tribute to Eyre MLA Graham Jacobs, Kalgoorlie MLA Wendy Duncan and Mining and Pastoral Region MLC Mark Lewis for their advocacy.

"Thanks to their work, other funding options have come forward and are now under consideration by my department," Mr Marmion said.

"I am confident this approach will help reduce confusion and concern."

Fact File

- Regulations to levy fees on Mining Proposals and larger Programme of Work applications were due to be activated on July 1, 2015
- The Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 is currently before State Parliament

Media contact: Nick Way - 6552 6800 or 0419 835 449