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Dear Mr Mike Lucas

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF APPLICATION FEES FOR MINING PROPOSALS AND PROGRAMMES OF WORK**

As recently announced, the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) is proceeding with the introduction of assessment fees for mining proposals and programme of work applications under the *Mining Act 1978* following consultation undertaken in late 2014.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum has undertaken substantial modelling of the full cost of assessing mining proposal and programme of work applications. This modelling has taken into account the reduced assessment costs for DMP that will arise through those amendments to the *Mining Act 1978* which were recently distributed for consultation.

As a result of this modelling, DMP is now preparing the necessary amendments to the Mining Regulations 1981 to prescribe the assessment fee for mining proposals to be \$6950, and the assessment fee for programmes of work to be \$590.

It is intended that these fees will apply to applications received after 1 July 2015.

From 1 July 2015 it will be a requirement that all mining proposals and programmes of work are submitted online through the DMP website, and the department is now working on implementing changes to the application lodgement systems to allow for payments to occurring at the time of submission. This approach will be consistent with other online application fees applied under the *Mining Act 1978*.

While the necessary amendments to the Mining Regulations 1981 to prescribe these fees will be circulated to APLA through the Mining Industry Liaison Committee for comment in the coming months, DMP is also seeking any additional input from you on the implementation of these fees to allow for a smooth transition.

If you have any comments which may assist DMP in implementing these assessment fees, or if you wish to discuss the various changes, please contact either myself or Dr Marnie Leybourne.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Gorey', written in a cursive style.

Dr Phil Gorey  
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