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Dear Mr Allison

INVITATION TO NEW ENGAGEMENT FORUM: WA PROSPECTORS AND SMALL OPERATORS FORUM

I am writing to invite you to participate in a new engagement forum being established by the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE): the WA Prospectors and Small Operators Forum.

Why this forum is being established

This forum is designed specifically to ensure that prospectors and small operators have a direct voice in how our systems, processes and services operate in practice.

We recognise that those working on the ground often experience challenges that are not always visible through broader or more formal consultation processes. The forum will provide a practical, accessible and informal forum where participants can:

- raise issues you are encountering in the field;
- share insights based on your experience; and
- contribute to identifying practical improvements.

Discussions will focus on real-world issues such as tenure administration, land access, approvals, digital systems, compliance issues, emerging reforms, and other practical matters affecting the day-to-day operations. The Department sees this as an opportunity to better understand stakeholder priorities, identify emerging issues early, and improve our communication and responsiveness.

How the forum will work

The Forum is designed to support open and constructive discussion, with a focus on practical outcomes. It will:

- be small and discussion-based, rather than formal or presentation-heavy
- meet approximately two times per year
- be held in a mix of Perth and regional locations where possible
- not make formal decisions but will inform improvements across DMPE's operations and systems.

Next steps

It is proposed that the inaugural meeting of the forum be held on Tuesday, 15 September 2026, at the DMPE office in Kalgoorlie.

We invite your association to nominate 4 - 5 members who are interested in participating in the forum. Please forward the names and contact details of your nominees directly to jared.barnett@dmpe.wa.gov.au. This forum represents an important opportunity to strengthen practical, grassroots engagement across the sector.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the forum further, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jared Barnett.

Yours sincerely



Chris Shaw
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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