

Reward Lake Disappointment Potash Project: Stakeholder consultation register (to 31 October 2018)

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From	To				
12/01/2006		Martu Traditional Owners - Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corp (WDLAC)	RML Access to Lake Disappointment (LD)	WDLAC considering RML request	RML requested draft Access Deed from WDLAC
2/02/2006		WDLAC	Access Deed	Execution of Access and Heritage Deed Tenement Objections withdrawn	-
1/03/2006		Martu Traditional Owners	LD On Site visit - Potash Project Exploration Plans/Possible Development	Traditional Owners to report back to Communities.	WDLAC to schedule Community Meeting to discuss LD with RML
1/05/2006		Martu Traditional Owners	RML correspondence to WDLAC outlining the Proposed Exploration Program on LD	Martu considering LD Works Proposal	-
23/06/2006		Martu Traditional Owners	An On Country community meeting in Parnngurr to discuss the LD Project/Proposed exploration by RML	Heritage Survey proposed by WDLAC, Dr Guy Wright, Anthropologist	RML agreed to Heritage Survey
28/06/2006		Martu Traditional Owners	Areas of Heritage importance outlined by Traditional Owners and Guy Wright	Traditional Owners present suggested consideration at a larger Community gathering at Punmu August 2016	RML offered to attend On Country Meeting
7/08/2006		Martu Traditional Owners	Dr Guy Wright prepares an Ethnographic Heritage Report/LD	Report released	RML acknowledge receipt of Report
11/10/2006		Martu Traditional Owners	LD Activities on LD - Areas of high cultural significance identified by Martu Community, Dr Guy Wright and Mr Brian Samson	Accessible/not accessible areas outlined on WDLAC Plan. WDLAC agree to RML Section 18 application over restricted area.	RML activities in agreed areas only as per plan provided. RML to lodge Section 18 as agreed with WDLAC.
23/01/2007		Martu Traditional Owners	Section 18(3) Consent granted by Minister for Heritage	RML Exploration Activities approved by the Minister (\$18.3)	RML agrees to conditions sought by Martu and the Minister for exploration activities
31/03/2008		Martu Traditional Owners	Negotiations with WDLAC Board - Brian Samson, Teddy Biljabu on the Commercial Terms for Martu approval of mining of Potash from LD/Term Sheet	Agreement on Terms reached WDLAC/RML Term Sheet executed	RML agreeable to Terms Sheet
15-16/05/2008		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Martu Working Party - On Country Meeting to discuss RML Draft Agreement	Martu requesting more detailed LD Maps	RML agree to provide additional Plans/Maps/Details
19-22/05/2008		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Heritage Survey conducted by Martu Elders and Mr D De Gand over proposed Mining Lease 45/1171 and Miscellaneous Licence 45/172	Survey completed	RML waiting on Survey Report
27/08/2008		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	RML advise that execution of the proposed LD Native Title Agreement appears unlikely	Negotiations between WDLAC & RML suspended	RML advise ASX that negotiations are suspended
4/09/2008		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	RML lodges s35 Future Act Determination Application	s35 Lodgement	RML lodges s35 Application
24/09/2008		Martu Traditional Owners	NNTT Hearing on grant of LD Tenements Martu/RML Mining Agreement	Hearings continuing	WDLAC/RML negotiations on LD Development stalled
4/06/2009		Martu Traditional Owners	NNTT Decision on RML s35 Application	NNTT refusal to grant LD Tenements	RML accept NNTT decision. LD activities put on hold.
25/06/2011		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Presentation by RML to Martu Community at Parnngurr regarding LD Project	Martu Community provided with LD Project outline and RML offer to Martu	RML Presentation and responded to Community queries/issues
10/10/2011		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	WDLAC Legal Advisors - Castledine Gregory letter "Proposed ILUA for LD" - Martu and RML	Agreement Process outlined	RML considering Process outlined - Agreed to
20/10/2011		Martu Traditional Owners	Renewal of negotiations with RML by Martu Elders regarding LD development	Consulting with Community commenced	RML agree to engage with WDLAC
22/11/2011		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Terms of new ILUA for LD development presented/discussed/modified	Negotiations to be continued	RML agree to continue negotiations
13/12/2011		WDLAC/CDNTS/YMAC	WDLAC advising Central Desert Native Title Services (CDNTS) of Martu/RML ILUA - seeking CDNTS and YMAC views	WDLAC notice sent to CDNTS	Copy received by RML
16/12/2011		WDLAC/CDNTS	CDNTS response to WDLAC letter of 13/12/2011	CDNTS response received	Copy received by RML
23/12/2011		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Draft ILUA for LD provided by WDLAC and Martu Elders	Agreement on ILUA subject to exclusion zones within LD. ILUA Executed.	RML agree to ILUA Terms and executes ILUA
9/01/2012		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Schedule 5 (PBC Regulation) for inclusion in the Martu/RML LD ILUA	Schedule 5 Certificate Executed by Martu Elders	Schedule 5 Certificate received/acknowledged by RML
13/02/2012		EPS	Preliminary enquiry into the Shires requirements to gain any approvals for the upgrade of the Talawana Track for hauling SOP.	Initial response was that the shire would be seeking a sealed road construction based upon community response to the Nicholas Downs project.	Comments noted.

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27-28/02/2012		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Heritage Survey conducted by Daniel de Gand Anthropologist - Martu Elders and RML representatives as agreed under ILUA	LD Heritage Survey Completed	RM agreed to survey protocol
16/04/2012	7/12/2012	DMP, DoW, OEPA, DPaW, DAA, WDLAC	RML provided a brief overview of the LD project and objectives. Discussed trial ponds, camp locations, access tracks and tenure to support exploration and development activity. Sought Guidance on requirements for clearing permits and Section 18 Heritage approvals.	Clearing permit approval stipulating requirements of Flora and Fauna surveys - CP5111/1. Section 18 application approved on 9/1/2013. DPaW raised concerns regarding access track layout and potential impact on threatened fauna species. Recommended consulting with DSEWPaC as the activities will likely trigger an EPBC Act assessment.	Site access track location to remain as it is in agreement with aboriginal land holders. Commissioned further flora/fauna work to assess impacts on threatened species. Commenced gathering further information for referral of project to DSEWPaC for EPBC Act assessment.
22/08/2012		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	LD Project - Native Title Agreement - Clause 15 Clearance Area Survey - Results and Confirmation	LD Heritage Clearance Survey Completed	RML agreement on survey outcome
21/12/2012		Martu Traditional Owners/WDLAC	Letter from National Native Title Tribunal to Green Legal (RML) regarding registration of Lake Disappointment Project Mining Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation	Lake Disappointment Project registered as an ILUA	N/A
1/02/2013	20/05/2013	DMP, DoW, OEPA, DPaW, DER, WDLAC, DSEWPaC	Details of proposed Program of Works (PoW) including access, camp, pilot ponds and infill drilling. Details of methods for undertaking drilling on the lake and abstracting water. Guidance sought relating to requirements for undertaking flora / fauna surveys at Lake Disappointment as well as ongoing environmental monitoring.	Prepared and after several reviews, finalised a conservation management plan, environmental impact assessment and monitoring plans for the PoW by 18/04/2013. Obtained DMP approval for a PoW covering proposed exploration activities on 20/05/2013	Botanica Consulting commissioned to commence flora and fauna survey work in May 2013. Paid bond to DMP.
16/05/2013		Conservation Council of Western Australia	Jim Williams and M Ruane provided brief overview of the proposed Project to Conservation Council	Conservation Council have been informed about the project and provided a brief summary of the flora/fauna findings	Continue consultation as project progresses
18/10/2013		DAFWA	Discussed Project briefly on site while DAFWA were conducting camel aerial cull. Discussed feral species records obtained by Botanica Consulting. DAFWA recommended sending data to DPaW. DAFWA advised of current and proposed feral species eradication/management programs in the area, fox and rabbit burrow sightings and Brolga/tern sightings	Camel numbers are reducing however large number of cats, dogs and foxes identified by Botanica Consulting and DAFWA. Also rabbits now in the area. Migratory birds observed by both Botanica Consulting and DAFWA.	BC to continue camera monitoring and provide records of ferals to DPaW (as specified EIA and Monitoring Plan). BC to engage zoologist to set cameras on potential fox/rabbit burrows and further document feral species records in the area.
25/02/2015	19/10/2015	EPS, DPaW	Follow up enquiry into the Shires requirements to gain any approvals for the upgrade of the Talawana Track for hauling SOP.	EPS still lukewarm to the proposed transport route via Talawana Track and Jigalong Road. Shire requests details of the planned upgrade to consider any further. The Shire suggests an alternative route through the Karamilyi National Park and Ripon Hills Road.	Comments noted. Reward commissions a drone survey of the Talawana Track to enable engineered design of it's proposed upgrade. DPaW do not support the haulage option via Karamilyi National Park.
26/02/2015		DPaW	Email seeking input into haulage route options offsite	Sandra Thomas (DPaW) advised that DPaW preference was to use existing track infrastructure (Talawana Track)	Advice taken into account when planning route
4/06/2015		OEPA	Project update meeting and discussion regarding OEPA referral requirements	No issues raised	No action required
6/07/2015	10/02/2016	DMP, DPaW, DSEWPaC, DoW, OEPA, WDLAC, DAA	Pilot Pond Construction Change. Input sought on the proposed design and construction. Initial discussion regarding small impact to the riparian zone of lake (Tecticornia sp. Sunshine Lake), potential for Acid Sulphate Soils and a rehabilitation proposal. Employment opportunities for Martu during construction.	Unlikely to be considered significant by OEPA and other agencies able to manage impacts. Reward Lake Disappointment Conservation Management Plan provided to DPaW and with advice from DPaW being that control measures considered appropriate to manage environmental impacts. Letter received on the 6th November 2015 from Michelle Corbellini (DPaW)	CMP controls implemented on site. Causeway and Pilot Pond construction commenced on 18/02/2016
9/12/2015		DER	Project overview presentation and acid sulphate soil (ASS) discussion with input requested	Steve Appleyard provided technical advice and aspects for consideration	Pendragon included consideration of ASS in field studies
8/02/2016		DMP, DoW	Presentation of project overview and proposed Hydrological studies for Lake Disappointment	DoW provided additional comments on 15/02/2016 requiring consideration for the development of referral documents.	Points noted for inclusion in hydrological assessments by Reward.

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8/03/2016	9/11/2017	DER, DPaW, DMP	Guidance sought on the management of drill cuttings containing non toxic, biodegradable drilling muds. Amendments to the clearing Permit for exploration activities.	Contaminated soils division of DER advised that the drill cuttings containing drilling muds did not warrant intervention by DER as the muds are environmentally benign and used in applications where protection of groundwater is a consideration.	Laboratory analysis determines the muds (currently contained in-situ) can be rehabilitated in location on the lake. Results provided to DBCA, DMIRs for approval. Works scheduled early 2018.
9/03/2016		WDLAC	Letter supplied from WDLAC supporting Rewards proposed fresh water exploration. The letter highlights that disclosure of the ILUA between Reward and Martu is not permitted under clause 7...	No issues raised.	No action required
5/04/2016	23/05/2016	DMP, DoW	PoW variations to test trenches on the lake and licensing requirements	No issues raised.	No action required
18/04/2016	3/05/2016	DMP, WDLAC	Suspension of Pilot Pond Project due to cost blow outs and technical problems.	No issues raised.	Formal notification and status surveyed for submission to DMP.
17/05/2016		DoTEE	Reward queried if EPBC assessments would be suspended if the Government was placed in caretaker mode.	DoTEE replied that it would be business as usual for DoTEE if this eventuated.	No action required
7/06/2016	28/07/2016	EPS	Meeting to present and discuss elements of the designed Talawana upgrade and maintenance to support haulage of SOP from Lake Disappointment to Port Hedland.	Shire concerns about the ability to maintain the Talawana planned upgrade to a trafficable standard that will meet community expectations.	Comments noted. Ongoing consultation required.
13/06/2016	21/06/2016	OEPA, DoTEE	Referral of the Reward Minerals Lake Disappointment Projects to the EPA and EPBC. Copies issued to DMP and WDLAC.	EPA requested a clarification of the development envelope in the submission.	Some minor modifications made to the development envelope and concluded by 6/7/2016.
15/07/2016	24/04/2017	Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ), DPaW	Fire management programs conducted with Martu and DPaW adjacent to the Lake Disappointment Project area. Discussion about logistics of flying over East Pilbara lakes to survey migratory birds following record rainfalls early in 2017.	Reward offer to assist where possible (accommodation / fuel). Reward forward banded stilt photo's over Lake Disappointment supplied from the KJ / DPaW flight over to the DMP.	No action required
15/07/2016	7/09/2016	DoTEE	EPBC 2016/7727: Clock stopped pending a request for more information clarifying if the proposed action could be considered a nuclear action and a discussion concerning the potential for the proposed action to impact matters of national environmental significance including listed migratory birds (1. mobilisation, bioavailability and toxicity of heavy metals including Thorium and Uranium, 2. hydrogeochemical changes to lake sediments and waters during wet and dry episodes, 3. generation of acid sulphate soils)	Reward commissions independent technical studies by JHRC Enterprises and Hydrobiology together with inhouse data collated by Pendragon Environmental. Reports Issued to DoTEE and copied to EPA.	Reports find negligible occurrences or impacts identified in an ecotoxicity hazard assessment of the project.
30/08/2016	27/07/2017	OEPA	EPA release its Draft Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) to Reward for review.	Reward meet with the EPA to clarify points in the document and agree with the structure. Responses copied to DoTEE and DMP	Reward commits to submit the Public Environmental Review (PER) document by Feb 2017. Subsequent extensions of time as a result of flooding and delays with hydrological / subfauna studies. Submission date Sept 2017.
12/10/2016	23/02/2017	DoTEE	EPBC 2016/7727: Clock stopped pending a request for more information regarding the Talawana Track Upgrade component of the Lake Disappointment Project. Specifically, potential impacts to the Northern Quoll, Ghost Bats, Bilby and EPBC Act listed species including results of any fauna / habitat surveys and proposed avoidance and mitigation measures.	Reward commissions Botanica Consulting to commence targeted surveys along the Talawana Track from Balfour Downs to the Willjabu Track (site access track).	Reports find negligible occurrences or potential impacts to EPBC Act listed species.
20/10/2017		OEPA	Reward give a short presentation on the Lake Disappointment Project to Office of EPA	No issues raised.	No action required
18/01/2017		OEPA	Reward Queries the Dec 2016 EPA changes to Environmental scoping documents and implications to Rewards current preparations.	OEPA advise the existing ESD with Reward stands. Letter supplied by EPA on 31/01/2016 outlining new policy and guidelines.	No action required

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27/03/2107		DMP, DPaW	From photos of the migratory bird flyover early in 2017, DPaW queries the potential for tracks (created by the amphibious excavator and Argo) around the pilot pond area to influence surface water flow on the lake.	Reward advise there was no impedece to water flows as evident from site monitoring, photos and also from satellite imagery. Tracks were washed away by subsequent water flows and the surface covered by salt crystals.	No action required
3/04/2017		DoTEE	EPBC 2016/7727: Clock stopped pending provision of additional information: potential impacts to threatened species and specific request to undertake targetted surveys for Night parrots.	Reward provides DoTEE with additional data on 16/05/2017 derived from downloads of camera traps installed during the Talawana Track for fauna survey purposes. Reward advised by DMP on 1/06/2017 of New interim guidelines for Night Parrot Surveys released by DPaW. Reward commissions Botanica Consulting to commence targetted surveys within the Lake Disappointment Project Area from 6/7/2017. Results of night parrot surveys were sent to DoTEE on 9 January 2018.	DotEE advised Reward on 23 May 2018 that the Lake Disappointment project would be assessed as a controlled action and that the assessment process would be by preliminary documentation (and not as a bilateral assessment). Reward will progress the EPBC assessment application in parallel with EPA's Part IV assessment.
8/06/2017		DMP	Reward seeks rent relief from DMP / Minister for Mines	Application for rent relief declined.	No Action Required.
4/07/2017		DMP	Reward notifies DMP the resumption of work on the Pilot Ponds	No issues raised.	Construction completed in July 2017
13/07/2017		WDLAC	Reward meets the WDLAC board to provide an update on the Project status	The board asked if there would be 1. opportunities for Martu employment / business - confirmed, 2. if the EPA process could be fast tracked - not possible, 3. potential to upgrade additional tracks in the region - depends on route approval, 4. projected manning levels for construction and the market strategy for sale of Potash - up to 200 personnel during development and operations with domestic and export potential.	No action required
26/07/2017	13/11/2017	DBCA, DMIRS	Reward provides a summary of the project status to DBCA and an audit into the Conservation management Plan for the project following an earlier enquiry by Michelle Corbellini (29/3/2017) that had been overlooked.	No issues raised to date.	No action required
1/08/2017	27/09/2017	WDLAC	Discussions about survey requirements for the proposed Talawana Track upgrade.	Logistics and budget estimates determined to carry out the works when both parties are ready.	No action required
7/09/2017		WDLAC	Reward seeking input into mine closure options and potential development opportunities that might be of interest to Martu people.	No response to date.	To be followed up.
7/09/2017		DMIRS	Reward advising completion of the Pilot Pond construction.	Noted.	No action required
15/09/2017		Australian Wildlife Conservancy	Reward invite to discuss an overview of the proposed operation, regional environmental values, results from environmental studies, opportunities to work together and post operational impacts and ongoing care for the region.	Receptive to discussions about collaborative opportunities which might exist following Rewards further consultation with Martu people.	To be followed up.
25/10/2017		DWER	Discussion with OEPA officers about targeted surveys for Night Parrots in the Lake Disappointment region.	Summary reports to be completed for ERD submission in November and for DBCA / DoTEE.	Ongoing field studies post submission.
22/12/2017	9/01/2018	DWER	Submission of Draft ERD for regulator scrutiny.	Initial request to improve illegible figures in draft document on 5/1/2018.	Figures were revised.
4/01/2018		DoTEE	Phone conversation with Matt Whitting concerning the protection of discovered Night Parrot locations near the Project area. Asked about the acceptibility of a copy of the draft ERD being posted to Canberra for review.	Reward initially requested to provide redacted versions of the Night Parrot reports to protect discovery locations. DoTEE happy to receive a copy of the draft ERD on thumbdrive.	ERD documentation supplied to DoTEE on 8 January 2018.
10/01/2018		DBCA	Discussion with Alan Burbidge and Murray Baker about future targeted surveys for Night Parrots in the Lake Disappointment region and managing information.	Information exchanged about habitats, foraging, threats, etc	No action required

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9/02/2018		DWER	Further USB copies of the draft ERD requested for the regulators.	Copies submitted.	No further action required.
12/02/2018		DWER	EPA division request confirmation that the Night Parrot issue had resulted in a controlled action by the Commonwealth.	Advised that there had been no contact from DoTEE as at 12 February 2018.	No action required
19/02/2018		DWER	EPA division approval to expand the Pilot Pond program following a meeting at the DWER offices.	Correspondence to be included in Proposal submitted to DMIRS for review.	No action required
22/02/2018	22/03/2018	DWER	Regulator feedback on Draft ERD.	A number of issues raised. Mostly concerned with defining aspects of surface and groundwater hydrology to better assess environmental impacts associated with the project.	Further consultation commissioned to generate required reports.
28/02/2018		DMIRS	Meeting to discuss changes to the Pilot Pond program of work.	DBCA officers unable to attend.	No action required
3/04/2018	4/04/2018	DWER, DMIRS	Regulator site visit to Lake Disappointment	Further queries and suggestions offered from officers of DMIRS as well as the Water and EPA divisions of DWER.	Comments noted for inclusion in final ERD submission.
3/05/2018		DWER	Notice of agreement for Reward to provide full copies of NP reports in the ERD submission.	Agreement that DWER / Regulators will only provide redacted copies of reports to the public under FOI in order to protect discovered Night Parrot locations near the Project area.	No action required
24/05/2018		DoTEE	Commonwealth Referral Decision.	Project is determined a Contolled Action due to listed threatened species and communities as well as migratory species.	Reward to request further details and an explanation for the decision against its request for Bilateral Assessment.
7/06/2018		DMIRS	Site visit feedback.	Inspection report and "Preparedness for Closure" scoresheet provided to Reward.	No action required
12/06/2018	4/07/2018	DoTEE	Reward requests exemption from Commonwealth cost recovery fees owing to its small business status.	Exemption granted.	No action required
13/07/2018		Small Business Development Corporation	Discussion about Martu Business Opportunities.	Templates for establishment provided to Reward. Referral to Indigenous Business Australia	No action required
18/07/2018		Office of Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA	Meeting with Howard Pedderson to provide project overview and benefits to Martu from project implementation.	Positive reception of Project presentation.	No action required
19/07/2018		DoTEE	Information provided to Reward detailing the required content in preliminary documentation for Commonwealth assessment of the proposed action.	Correspondence noted and actioned.	Further consultants engaged to generate required reports.
23/07/2018		WDLAC	Meeting with Executive Officer to discuss small business and employment opportunities as well as regional infrastructure to benefit Martu people.	Support for initiatives and community roadshow given. Suggestion for access between Punmu and Parnngurr.	No immediate action required.
2/08/2018		Indigenous Business Australia	Discussion providing project overview, employment and small business opportunities for Martu from project implementation.	Support for initiatives and referral to a consultant for further assistance.	No immediate action required.
10/09/2018		Birdlife Australia	Meeting request to James O'Connor initiating discussion of a potential research program for the Lake Disappointment region.	Birdlife to determine a suitable time for meeting with Reward in Perth.	No action required
18/10/2018		Birdlife Australia	Meeting with Birdlife Australia to provide project overview, results of baseline studies, initiate discussion on possible opportunities for future engagement.	Birdlife Australia amenable to further discussions and possible site visit.	Reward to arrange site visit at mutually convenient time.