

Government Response to the recommendations by the Mintabie Review Panel

Recommendation	Government Position	Implementation
1. The Mintabie township be closed as soon as practicable after a decision to do so by both the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (the management of the area described in the Mintabie Lease to revert to APY).	Accept	The Government will notify the APY Executive Board by letter of its intention to terminate the lease. The termination will take effect 12 months after the date of the written request. The management of the lease area will then revert to APY.
2. The Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy assess the impacts of revoking the proclamation of the Mintabie Precious Stones Field pursuant to section 4(2) of the <i>Opal Mining Act 1995</i> , following a report from DPC.	Accept	The Department of the Premier and Cabinet – Mineral Resources Division (on behalf of the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy) will assess the impacts of revoking the proclamation of the Mintabie Precious Stones Field pursuant to section 4(2) of the <i>Opal Mining Act 1995</i> by 30 March 2018.
3. Residents, Commercial Licence holders and government service providers be notified as soon as practicable of:	Accept	The Government will notify licence holders and government service providers as soon as practicable.
○ the Ministers' decision to close the township;	Accept	As above
○ the decision that all Commercial and Residential Licenses will cease within 12 months of the Ministers' decision to close the township and any persons not otherwise authorised under the <i>Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981</i> will be required to vacate the township;	Accept	As above
○ the requirement to make good Commercial and Residential Licence sites in accordance with the provisions of the Mintabie Township Lease Agreement.	Accept	As above

<p>4. APY consider the circumstances under which current elderly residents in Mintabie could gain a 'Permit to Enter and/or Remain on the APY Lands' within the existing framework pursuant to the <i>Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981</i>.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation will work with APY to consider the circumstances under which current elderly residents in Mintabie could gain a 'Permit to Enter and/or Remain on the APY Lands' within the existing framework pursuant to the <i>Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981</i>.</p>
<p>5. Relevant State and Commonwealth Government service providers assess arrangements for the continued support of elderly residents in Mintabie.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Relevant State and Commonwealth Government service providers will assess arrangements for the continued support of elderly residents in Mintabie.</p>
<p>6. SAPOL be requested by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy to assist with the eviction of persons residing on the APY Lands unlawfully, and to maintain a regular presence in the Mintabie township area leading up to the closure of the township.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>South Australia Police will be requested to maintain a strong presence in the Mintabie township area leading up to and during the closure of the township.</p>
<p>7. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission be requested by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy to undertake compliance visits and take steps to ensure that any personal ATM cards held by commercial stores within the Mintabie township are returned to Anangu (or any other persons) as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Australian Securities and Investments Commission will be requested to undertake compliance visits and take steps to ensure that any personal ATM cards held by commercial stores within the Mintabie township are returned to Anangu (or any other persons) as soon as possible.</p>
<p>8. The State Government facilitate the 'making good' of all sites, abandoned fixed infrastructure, the dump and other similar features, with due consideration given to Aboriginal heritage.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Resources and Infrastructure Investment Task Force will coordinate and project manage the closure of the township area, including the remediation of all sites.</p>

<p>9. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation discuss cost sharing arrangements for the remediation of the Mintabie township area, with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation will seek matching funds from the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs for the remediation of the township area.</p>
<p>10. The Department of State Development (Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) facilitate discussions with stores in the APY Lands about the provision of new and secondhand clothing, furniture and whitegoods within APY Lands communities.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Department of State Development-Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (DSD-AAR) will facilitate discussions with stores in the APY Lands about the provision of new and secondhand clothing, furniture and whitegoods within APY Lands communities.</p>
<p>11. The State Government consider contracting appropriately skilled Anangu from APY Lands communities in the making good of sites, and the treatment of weeds (e.g. cactus) in and around the Mintabie township area.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The South Australian Government commits to ensuring contracts associated with remediation meet the minimum requirement of 30% total on-site labour hours filled by Anangu personnel in line with the South Australia Industry Participation Policy.</p>
<p>12. The Department of State Development (Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) to support Service SA in its provision of services in the APY Lands.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>DSD-AAR is currently providing funding in 2017-18 to Service SA for the delivery of government services on the APY Lands.</p>
<p>13. The State and Commonwealth Governments to support Money Mob Talkabout in the delivery of financial counselling services to Anangu.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>In conjunction with the review, the South Australian Government has provided grant funding of \$300K to Money Mob to increase its ability to provide Anangu with access to financial counselling services. The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion and the Commonwealth Government also provide funding to Money Mob.</p>

<p>14. Relevant sections of the <i>Opal Mining Act 1995</i> and <i>Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981</i> be amended in accordance with the adopted recommendations.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Government will draft a Bill to amend relevant sections of the <i>Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981</i> and the <i>Opal Mining Act 1995</i> in accordance with the outcomes of the recommendations from the report.</p>
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