

WESTERN GOLDFIELDS ENVIRONMENT TO BENEFIT FROM LANDMARK AGREEMENT

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Environmental initiatives in the western Goldfields will receive a significant boost from the joint land management project agreed by Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore and the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME) believes the project is an excellent example of collaboration between the resources sector and government to deliver practical outcomes and further the knowledge of the biodiversity in this region.

“This partnership demonstrates the industry’s commitment to contributing to biodiversity knowledge and sustainable environmental practices,” said CME Chief Executive Reg Howard-Smith.

The project will see a number of initiatives being undertaken in the Koolyanobbing region over a three year period.

“It is important to note that this program is over and above activities associated with the environmental approvals process.

“It includes funding and in-kind support for indigenous training and employment; fire management; feral predator baiting; research; and flora and fauna surveys,” said Mr Howard-Smith.

Cliffs is also actively involved with CME on the Stakeholder Group for the Great Western Woodlands Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.

The agreement was signed yesterday by Environment Minister Donna Faragher and Cliffs CEO Duncan Price.



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