

ENVIRONMENT

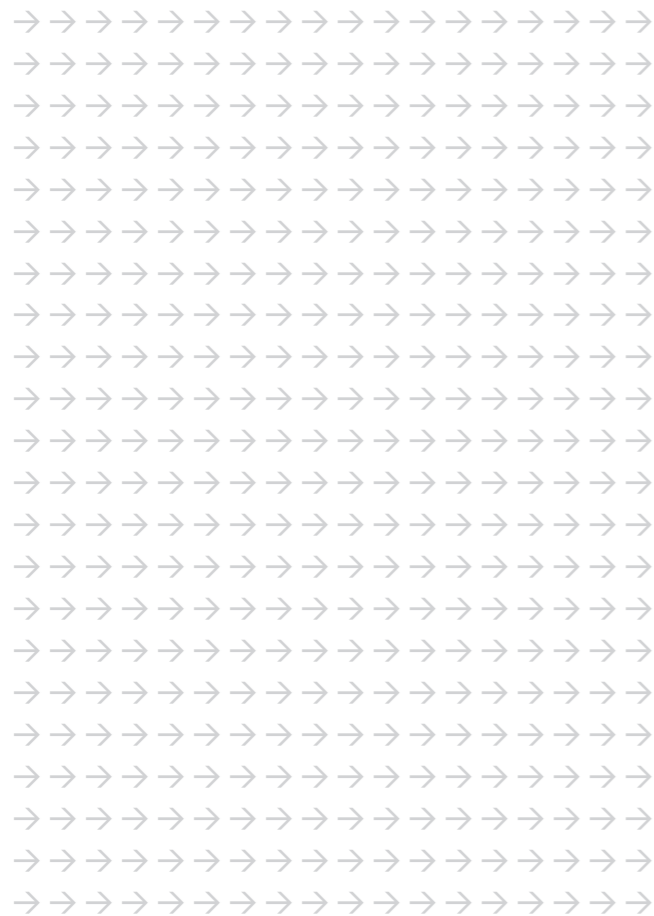
Committee Charter 2009

Industry Vision

In 2020, the Western Australian resources sector leads the world in sustainable practice through innovation and underpins Australia's position in the global economy.

Committee Purpose

- Lead policy development on issues impacting the resources sector
- Enable collaboration amongst members and stakeholders
- Encouraging continual improvement
- Advocating industry position and advancements
- Provide CME with industry representation and views



INDUSTRY STRATEGY		KEY ISSUE	PRIORITISED STRATEGY
NATURAL RESOURCES Sustainable environmental practices	The industry contributes to biodiversity knowledge, conservation and rehabilitation	A strategic assessment process is required to ensure proper land use planning for the conservation estate	CME to develop land use planning principles
		A comprehensive understanding of the State's biodiversity is critical to decisions for sustainable resource development and integrated, timely, science-based solutions to land-use planning issues	CME to advocate for a Biodiversity Initiative for Western Australia
		Variable standards of practice across industry and low understanding of industry's commitment to environmental obligations within community	Facilitate the NGO Industry Environment Forum & implement a stakeholder engagement plan
			CME to facilitate an industry conference promoting common understanding between industry, government and community
			Facilitate regional practitioner forums and workshops in the Southwest, Midwest, Northwest and Kalgoorlie
			CME to minimise future risk of non-compliance by working with relevant Government agencies and industry bodies
CME to develop Environment Advocacy Publication(s)			
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING Effective regulatory capacity and frameworks	Legislation is enacted which formalises risk management principles	Proponents face significant delay when dealing with project approvals and regulatory inefficiencies.	Advocate for efficient and streamlined regulatory processes, taking a proactive approach to both existing and proposed regulation, eg. Native Vegetation Clearing Regulation
			Work cooperatively with the Department of Minerals and Petroleum to ensure flexible & sustainable mining securities regime
			CME to work cooperatively to input into approvals reform processes initiated by the State Government
	Government processes are streamlined, transparent and simplified, reducing regulatory burden		Support for and involvement in the EPA Review of Environmental Impact Assessment
			CME to advocate for streamlining of processes under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act
	Highly competent and responsive government agencies and graduates with appropriate skills		Limited skill base within the Government due to skill shortage
Government policy increases the attractiveness of WA as a destination for investment	Industry and Government should strive to ensure regulatory processes are best practice and highly competitive with other jurisdictions	Compare other interstate regulatory framework with WA's and undertake gap analysis to understand and advocate for leading practices, in cooperation with the Land Access Committee	