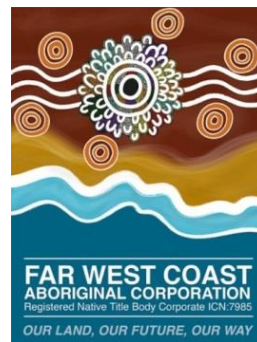


NOTICE OF FAR WEST COAST ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC: 7985

CONSULTATION MEETING WITH COMMON LAW HOLDERS

for the making of Native Title Decisions as follows:



Part 9B Native Title Mining Agreement for Mineral Exploration with Vale Australia EA Pty Ltd

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Part 9B Native Title Mining Agreement for Mineral Exploration with Cosmo Developments Pty Ltd

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Part 9B Native Title Mining Agreement for Mineral Exploration with Oz Minerals

NOTICE is given of a community consultation meeting with the Far West Coast Common Law holders (Native Title Holders) where the Common Law Holders will be asked whether they wish to consent to the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation entering into the above-named Native Title Mining Agreements for Mineral Exploration.

On: Friday 21st June 2019

To be held at: Far West Aboriginal Sporting Complex Inc., Bergmann Drive, Ceduna SA;

Commencing at: 3:00pm

What is the purpose of the meeting?

The purpose of this meeting is to consult with and obtain consent from the Common Law holders for the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation to enter into three mineral exploration agreements.

Entry into each agreement is considered to be a “native title decision” pursuant to the *Native Title (Prescribed Body Corporate) Regulations 1999*. Consultation is required with common law holders, and their consent is needed, prior to the Corporation entering into the agreement.

If common law holders’ consent, a resolution is to be passed at the meeting which confirms support for entry into the Part 9B agreements, and a certificate must be signed by at least 5 members of the Corporation who are Common Law Holders whose native title rights and interests would be affected by the proposed decisions.

Who should attend?

All Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation members and Common Law holders are invited to attend.

Enquiries For all enquiries and copies of this notice, please contact or attend the FWCAC Office on PH: 08 8625 3340, 62 Poynton Street, Ceduna, South Australia SA 5690.

Travel Assistance - to get home after the meeting

Application forms for one-way assistance MUST be lodged prior to the meeting. No late applications accepted;

- Must reside further than 90 kms from Ceduna and within SA with evidence of the address and car rego;
- Must attend and stay at the advertised meeting (sign in using the attendance register);
- Purchase orders will be provided for suppliers to be paid directly - No cash payments made;
- Purchase orders will be provided when meeting is completed and once the staff person is available;
- No airfares, meals or accommodation costs will be considered.

THE NATIVE TITLE LEGAL PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION

In South Australia (unlike in other parts of Australia) an **EXPLORATION LICENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED to the Exploration Company** by the time they approach a Native Title Holder. The State Government also allows them to do some “early exploration” on their tenement without the need for an agreement with the Native Title holder.

HOWEVER, UNDER THE MINING ACT

Exploration companies must have an agreement which authorises them to affect your native title rights and interests before they can legally explore. This agreement is for the Common Law Holders of Native Title as represented by the the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (FWCAC) as the Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC).

The FWC Common Law Holders do not have the right to veto or stop exploration on FWC Native Title land by

THE NEGOTIATION

Usually this involves negotiations with the Board of Directors dealing with issues such as the type and scope of exploration, and the agreed process for cultural heritage surveys etc. and this information then forms the body of the Agreement.

The Board of Directors has had initial discussions and negotiations with three Exploration Companies: Vale, Cosmo and Oz Minerals.

Following the legal process, FWCAC Directors then defer to the Common Law Holders at a Native Title Community Meeting for consultation and decisions that will direct the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation to enter into 9B Agreements with the three Exploration Companies.

THE AGREEMENT

A Part 9B Exploration Agreement authorises exploration on your country.

And, A Part 9B Exploration Agreement allows you to protect your country and Aboriginal cultural heritage by setting up the process for participating in Cultural Heritage Surveys (AIS or Clearances) which gives common law holders a mechanism to say exactly where the explorer can and can't go.

No exploration can be undertaken legally outside of a signed Part 9B Agreement.

If an agreement is not able to be negotiated, then the Exploration Company will most likely consider its legal options and may mount a court challenge.

THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

Without a Part 9B Agreement in place Explorers can seek Authorisation to Explore from a Judge in this Court.

It is highly likely that if the explorer goes to Court that they will be granted authority to explore.

The Court may not require an agreement with you.

THE FWC Board, its staff and your legal representatives will do their best to provide you with the options available.

We are available for any questions and to hear your concerns – contact the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation during business hours by phone: 08 86 253 340 or call in and see us at 62 Poynton Street, Ceduna.