



Simpler submission Royalty Returns



Easy to Use

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Save Time

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Avoid Errors

The Department is focused on providing online access for many of the dealings associated with mineral tenements including, applications, maintenance, information and searches.

The online lodgement of royalty returns through TReL is an extension of these services and aims to simplify the way in which returns are completed and lodged.

Benefits of TReL

- ✓ TReL is simple to access and use
- ✓ TReL will automatically calculate royalty due
- ✓ If you make any payment instalments - these are reflected in your payment balance
- ✓ Email reminders each period
- ✓ Run reports on previous submissions
- ✓ Paperless returns to reduce your carbon footprint



Run Reports



Paperless Returns



Avoid Penalties
& Calculation Errors



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What do I do next?



June 2017 Returns

All non-TReL account holders will be sent a letter with a unique username and password login for TReL. The letter will include details of how to login and instructions on how to complete your June 2017 return.



Paper Returns

Don't worry we recognise that not everyone will be able to complete returns online. We can still provide you with paper returns on request.

Just contact us on phone: (08) 8463 3095

Important Royalty Information

December 2016

Changes to the Extractive Areas Rehabilitation Fund

In December 2016 changes were made to the Mining Regulations that affect the Extractive Mining Sector, royalty payments and the Extractive Areas Rehabilitation Fund (EARF).

What has Changed

The EARF was established in 1971 to fund the rehabilitation of extractive mines and has proved very successful with over 1,000 projects funded since 1971 at a cost of over \$23 million. Funding for the EARF is provided by the Minister prescribing a set amount of 25 cents per tonne on extractive minerals that is paid into the fund from the total Royalty, which was set at 55 cents per tonne prior to these amendments being introduced.

In 2004, the primary responsibility for funding and conducting rehabilitation of extractive mining operations shifted from the EARF to tenement holders and extractive mining operators. With the balance of the EARF rising, a review of the appropriate level of funds that should be held was conducted. The findings of the review show that the EARF could support a reduction of 3 cents per tonne while still meeting potential claims.

The amendments to the Mining Regulations will enable the royalty payments that are set aside for the EARF to vary. This will allow an appropriate level of funds to be maintained to ensure a high level of assurance to government and the community that potential rehabilitation liabilities arising from failures to rehabilitate extractive mine operations are minimised.

The EARF will be subject to regular actuarial assessment to determine the appropriate balance to be held and on the basis of the findings of the assessment some adjustments to the level of funding will be made either up or down to ensure the adequacy of the fund.

While all royalties paid by Industry are considered to be at the appropriate amount, this current reduction in the prescribed amount paid to the EARF will be passed onto Industry by way of a reduction in the level of royalties paid.

Royalty payments for 2016 -2017

From 1 July 2016, the royalty rate for all extractive minerals will be 52 cents per tonne. The new rate will be reflected on both paper returns and if you lodge via Trel the new rate will be automatically shown when you complete your return.

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