



RESPONSE TO THE HORSHAM RURAL CITY FEEDBACK

WIM IMPLEMENTS ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN AVONBANK REHABILITATION BASED ON HRCC FEEDBACK

WIM Resource Pty Ltd (**WIM**) has carefully considered matters raised by Horsham Rural City Council (**HRCC**), and in response to feedback from the HRCC and the Community about their concerns about dust generation, WIM has **decided that it will cover the Heavy Mineral Concentrate stored in the WIFT Precinct.**

WIM will also establish a dedicated **Rehabilitation Review Group** and introduce new measures to strengthen transparency, community involvement and environmental management for the proposed Avonbank Mineral Sands Project. The Rehabilitation Review Group is one of several practical steps WIM is taking in response to HRCC concerns.

The Rehabilitation Review Group will bring together landholders, technical experts, the HRCC, and other relevant stakeholders, as a forum to discuss rehabilitation planning, trials, monitoring and performance throughout the life of the project.

Avonbank is located in an important agricultural region, and WIM recognises the vital role the land plays in supporting local families, businesses and communities. WIM is committed to carefully managing the land affected by the project, rehabilitating the land back to its productive agricultural use, such that farming and mining can coexist for the economic betterment of the region.

The announcements reflect WIM's approach to community engagement: listening carefully, understanding the outcomes people are seeking and taking practical action to provide greater confidence.

In summary, following feedback from the HRCC, WIM will:

- cover Heavy Mineral Concentrate stored in the WIFT Precinct;
- publish validated environmental monitoring summaries, including any exceedances and the actions taken in response;
- provide clearer public-facing maps, distinguishing the proposed mining licence boundary from the area where mining disturbance is proposed, to make it clear no disturbance is permitted to occur over the Dooen Rail Hard Stand;
- explain in clear terms how staged mining and progressive rehabilitation will work; and
- provide a clear pathway for raising concerns and escalating unresolved matters to the appropriate regulator, including a dedicated web landing page portal;

The Avonbank Project already has a comprehensive environmental framework developed through the Environment Effects Statement (**EES**) process and reflected in the favourable assessment by the Victorian Minister for Planning.

WIM believes strong environmental controls should also be supported by clear information, open engagement and meaningful opportunities for community involvement. That is why WIM is going a step further with these safeguards and commitments.

The company will make information about the project clearer, more accessible and easier to find, helping people understand what is proposed, how environmental and rehabilitation performance will be monitored, and how they can raise concerns or seek further information, through a dedicated web landing page.

WIM has welcomed the opportunity to engage with Horsham Rural City Council and other stakeholders, bringing important community concerns directly to the company. These discussions have helped identify practical ways to build on the project's established framework and do more to address the issues that matter to local people.

The new measures reflect the value WIM places on its relationship with the community and the HRCC. WIM will continue to be present, accessible and responsive, and to work constructively with the HRCC, landholders and the wider community as the Avonbank Project progresses through the remaining approvals process.

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WIM Resource Director of Community and Landholder Relations Kevin O'Brien

"We welcome community members to visit our website or drop by our Community Information Hub to learn more and have a discussion with our team at 83 Firebrace St, or you can visit our online Information Hub to learn about the Avonbank Project"

WIM Resource Executive Team – Eddy Wu and Michael Winternitz

"WIM has listened, had discussions, made clarifications, and found solutions to HRCC concerns, and remains committed to engaging with the HRCC to ensure that any further Community concerns are addressed"

FURTHER INFORMATION

WIM will have information available for Community Members at the Community Information Hub and will also create a dedicated web landing page to allow community members to easily access information by 1 August 2026.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For all enquiries, please contact Kevin O'Brien via email kobrien@wimresource.com.au or visit our Community Information Hub at 83 Firebrace St, Horsham, during business hours Monday-Friday.

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