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RE: Legacy Mines remediation Draft Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Bill.

This is something we in Western Australia need particularly for our scattered historic mining which has left mine shafts across the State, including the first mining that took place in the Murchison region extracting lead at Galena.

One of the features we at Geoparks WA focus on is geotourism. We see geotourism as the engine of geoparks. Geoparks are areas that promote geoheritage and see legacy mining areas as a great source of opportunity to inform and interpret our geoheritage.

The draft Bill makes mention of benefits to the community however it stops short of introducing tourism, in particular geotourism, into its draft.

Would it be possible for at least "tourism" to be included in the draft Bill as a potential benefit for the community?

Respectfully,

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