



# Pastoral Update

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## LAND TENURE

Two meetings have been held with the Hon. Wendy Duncan about rangelands reform. Changes in land tenure are likely to be "perpetual leases" and "range-lands leases". The option of a traditional pastoral lease will remain.

The idea behind the leases, is to allow for diversification without the current need for a permit system.

It could be tourism, private conservation, carbon sequestration, mining where pastoralism is not the main activity or to allow indigenous groups to hold land but not as a pastoral lease

It may be that both these lease options will trigger native title future acts requirements.

It appears the Government's plan is that pastoralists will have to decide which road to travel down depending on their individual circumstances.

## MINING AND PASTORALISM

PGA met with Dr Phil Gorey, of DMP the outcome of which was to comment on the DMP's preliminary discussion paper on Policy Options for Mining Securities.

The submission was written with the help of the members of the working group who supplied comment on issues of most concern and how best they could be addressed.

### RENT RELIEF

PGA succeeded in getting the PLB Unit to produce a condensed rent relief form.

This was in response to the increases in rent, the refusal of the Government to suspend any phases of the increase and implementation before an alternative method of rent calculation, as suggested by the PGA, was reviewed by the Minister and the PLB.

This form is a different from the Natural Disaster Rent Relief application, introduced in response to the Gascoyne floods.

With PGA intervention, both forms are now on the Pastoral Leases website. A cap of \$5,000 was mentioned in draft forms – disregard this figure.

Both forms require too much financial detail but PGA is now trying to reduce it to a reasonable level.

## SELF-MONITORING

Many pastoralists have received, letters from the PLB telling them of the new requirements for monitoring that are being enforced.

Some pastoralists object to the transfer of the cost and responsibility from the government to the lessee; have expressed the preference to do their own monitoring rather than rely on government inspection.

## MEETINGS

Pastoral (tbc):	Wednesday	6/4
Executive:	Thursday	7/4
Kimberley Div. (tbc)		20/4
Pastoral Conference		5/5



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