

**INQUIRY INTO BENEFICIAL AND PRODUCTIVE POST-
MINING LAND USE**

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The decisions made for PMLU will be critical to future generations and have the opportunity to be the world's best solutions.

It will be necessary for there to be a region wide overarching plan for the whole area covered by the 22 mines currently operational. A body responsible for this plan needs to be established and funded by the exiting mining companies.

All areas which are environmentally intact should with consultation and agreement be returned to traditional owners who have witnessed the destruction of so much of their custodial country.

It is critical that there be community consultation and opportunities for the community to work in the land restoration industry. This will need to involve the establishment educational and training opportunities.

Mining companies need to take full responsibility for the costs of restoration and if there are any savings for them, they need to be invested in the well-being of the community.

The mining industry must retain responsibility for the long-term success of the rehabilitation and that rehabilitation must be of the highest standard. This is also important if the mining industry wishes to retain social license into the future.

I urge decision makers to address this plan with urgency as coal will be exiting faster than previously indicated.