

Baru yaguliba gubiyiya

Time to heal and regrow

Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan Summary

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1. INTRODUCTION

To ensure an orderly exit of sand mining operations and transition to a large landscape rehabilitation work program, the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) and Sibelco Australia Limited (Sibelco) have committed to working together by establishing Baru yaguliba gubiyiya (Time to heal and regrow), a joint rehabilitation program underpinned by the development of the Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan.

The Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan describes the approach to collaboration and support between QYAC and Sibelco for completion of rehabilitation activities and the transition of land management responsibilities to QYAC.

Positive progress has already been made noting that 2,249 hectares of mining lease land under the responsibility of Sibelco has already been surrendered.



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2. REHABILITATION & TRANSITION PROCESS

Sibelco is required and committed to rehabilitate land disturbed by mining and associated activities on Minjerribah to a native bushland ecosystem.

The rehabilitation program will be carried out progressively over several years by Sibelco. This program primarily involves contouring/reshaping of the constructed landform, placement of previously stockpiled topsoil onto the re-profiled dunes, and revegetation using appropriate plant species.

Following completion of the rehabilitation program and surrender of Sibelco's obligations, the Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan sets out a process for transitioning the responsibility for ongoing land management to the landholder. This approach will lead to future land management responsibilities residing with the Quandamooka People (represented by QYAC), to expand their caring for country, joint management of the protected areas estate and support future sustainable economic development.

In parallel to the rehabilitation program, QYAC and Sibelco have collaborated to prepare a practical and achievable transition schedule. The transition schedule prioritises land which meets required rehabilitation standards and is ready for transition to the Quandamooka People. The transition will occur in a manner which recognises that it is Quandamooka Country.



3. POST-MINING INFRASTRUCTURE

All stakeholders recognise that some mining related infrastructure owned and operated by Sibelco on Minjerribah has a post-mining use.

Sibelco is obligated to remove all mining related infrastructure unless it is agreed by the land owner for the infrastructure to be retained. QYAC, with support from the State Government, is currently reviewing all relevant infrastructure and its potential future use against the costs of upkeep and making compliant with safety requirements.

4. REHABILITATION & SURRENDER PROCESS

Ensuring the protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage during the rehabilitation program is critical to QYAC and the Quandamooka People.

QYAC and Sibelco are committed to entering into a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP). The CHMP, once agreed, will commence after the completion of mining activities and operate for the duration of the rehabilitation program conducted by Sibelco on Minjerribah.

5. WORKFORCE

Sibelco and QYAC have committed to maximising the use of the existing Sibelco workforce, Quandamooka People through QYAC and local Minjerribah residents to implement the Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan.

Furthermore, Sibelco and QYAC are focused on ensuring that their existing employees, with skills and experience in land management and rehabilitation, are given opportunities to build and expand their skills and experience during the rehabilitation and transition process.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

Sibelco and QYAC will work collaboratively to implement the baru yaguliba gubiyiya rehabilitation program through a series of working groups to ensure progress is being made to achieve Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan objectives.

Whilst the island diversifies and transitions towards a sustainable, service-led economy the baru yaguliba gubiyiya rehabilitation program will remain a significant contributor to the island's economy.

All parties have committed to keeping the community informed of implementation progress.