

# MRT NEWS

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## Explorer Support Package Announced for Exploration Licence Holders



In early June the Explorer Support Package was launched. The package is designed to assist explorers in maintaining their tenements in good standing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key Elements of the Explorer Support Package are:

- Suspension of rental payments for exploration licences for the 6 months from 1 June 2020;
- Applications for exemption from licence work and expenditure conditions will be granted to all those who apply, and no fees will be charged for these applications. Applications for periods of up to six months will be granted without review and will be back-dated to commence on 1 May 2020, however applications for longer periods will be assessed under normal processes;
- Waiving of application fees for the surrender or extension of term of exploration licences for six months from 1 June 2020.

These measures are in addition to the six-month extension to Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) Round 3 completion dates, the opening of EDGI Round 4 for applications, and a freeze on government fee increases for the 2020/21 financial year.

For enquiries about the Explorer Support Package please contact MRT at: [info@mrt.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@mrt.tas.gov.au)

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## Good Practice Guide for Management of Acid and Metalliferous Drainage

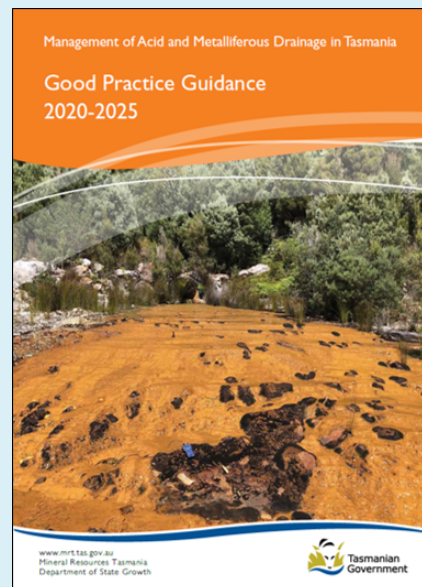
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The Good Practice Guide for Management of Acid and Metalliferous Drainage (AMD) has been developed to provide guidance on how AMD is best managed on sites within Tasmania. Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) managed the project, which involved significant stakeholder consultation to ensure that the Good Practice Guide (GPG) is relevant for the large and small mining and quarrying activities around the state.

The project is funded by the Mining Sector Innovation Initiative Program (MSIIP), which was released as part of the State Government's 2017/2018 budget. The MSIIP funding has a number of projects which are aimed at helping to keep the mining and mineral processing industry at the cutting edge of technology and best practice.

The intent of the GPG is to abridge the current resources available for management of AMD within Tasmania and provide management solutions which are specific for the Tasmanian climate and geological setting. The GPG will not be an exclusive resource for management of AMD, but instead provide the resources for current and future operators to understand and implement leading practice techniques for management of AMD.

[Download the guide and associated factsheets here.](#)



## Geoscience Library Reopens

The Geoscience Library reopened, by appointment only, on 15 June 2020.

To keep visitors safe, public health guidelines will be observed at all times, including physical distancing. Visitors will be required to use hand sanitiser before and after handling library materials.

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