### DRAFT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

POLICY NO:CE/ES/4

**FORMER POLICY NO:** 

# MINING AND EXPLORATION POLICY

**DIVISION** 

**BUSINESS UNIT** 

**RESPONSIBILITY AREA** 

CEO

CEO

**Executive Services** 

## **OBJECTIVE**

This policy defines the Shire of Plantagenet's position to guide advocacy with regard to mining and exploration in defined areas within the Local Government.

## **POLICY**

Mining is incompatible with all other land uses including Agricultural, Viticultural and Nature-based Tourism and may not be beneficial to the environment and the community.

Exploration and mining are inconsistent with the purposes of National Parks and other areas of high primary production, lifestyle and tourism value.

Mining and exploration activities have the potential to negatively impact directly and indirectly on other land uses and Communities in the Shire of Plantagenet

Whilst exploration has less of an impact on land, the negative impacts of exploration are cumulative and the potential for exploration activities to lead to mining also poses a risk to high value land and the environment.

The Shire of Plantagenet does not support mining and exploration activities in circumstances where proposals for mining and exploration have the potential to negatively impact on the environment, tourism, lifestyle and other land uses.

The Shire of Plantagenet specifically identifies the Porongurup, Striling Ranges and Mount Lindesay National Parks and the Porongurup Tourism Corridor as areas of high value in which mining will be opposed by the Local Government.

The Shire of Plantagenet will advocate for and on behalf of the Plantagenet Community to ensure the best interests of the Shire of Plantagenet and its Communities, in circumstances where proposals for mining and exploration activities will negatively impact on areas of high value within its Local Government Area.

### Definition:

The Porongurup Tourism Corridor is defined as that area outlined in the attached map.

### ADOPTED:

#### LAST REVIEWED:

