



## Media release

### **Australia's resources industry comes together to support a stronger and safer industry**

#### **Statement from Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer**

Australia's resources industry will continue to work with the Morrison Government to ensure the industry remains safe and strong during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today the resources industry – including the MCA, NSW Minerals Council, Chamber of Mines and Energy WA, South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy and Queensland Resources Council – came together for a roundtable meeting with the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia, the Hon Keith Pitt, to discuss what measures the industry has put in place and how it will continue to respond.

The Minister outlined the government's response announced by the Prime Minister this morning and made it clear that the government's priority was to protect important industries, regional jobs and the community.

The industry's advice to the government was that while COVID-19 was so far having only a minimal effect on site operations, there was no room for complacency and the need for the government and industry to work closely on monitoring and response was crucial.

The MCA will soon convene a working group of its members to ensure mine sites stay safe, open and in production as demand for Australia's world-class minerals remains strong.

Business confidence is essential during this period. Through encouraging exploration and investment, the Government's stimulus package is good news for the country's junior miners. Australian mining contributes to national economic strength and is responsive and responsible, particularly during times of challenge.

Mining provides an economic bedrock for the Australian Government to meet its immediate and long term challenges.

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