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Minerals industry welcomes new Bill to provide certainty and support a responsive native title system

Statement from Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer

Legislation tabled today by the Morrison Government will provide much needed certainty for the minerals industry and support an effective and practical native title system.

The Native Title Amendment Bill 2019 is informed by almost two years of extensive consultation, led by the Attorney-General's Department with support from the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Land use agreements between the minerals sector and Traditional Owners have enabled cooperative and mutually-beneficial partnerships over the past two decades.

Other key measures in the Bill are drawn from recommendations from successive reviews of the native title system by both the Australian Law Reform Commission and Council of Australian Governments.

Thousands of agreements have been formed between the minerals industry and Traditional Owners.

Given the extensive consultation to inform the Bill, the MCA expects the reform package to receive strong bipartisan support in the Australian Parliament.

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