



# Media release

## Creating jobs more quickly

### Statement from Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer

Today's commitment by the Prime Minister to address delays in assessment and approval processes under national environmental law will help Australia's world-leading minerals industry create more jobs more quickly.

The Australian minerals industry supports robust regulation focused on efficient and effective processes, high environmental standards and sound community engagement to protect Australia's unique environment.

Faster approvals for mines and other major projects will support the investment and jobs Australia needs to recover more quickly from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Australia's environmental approval processes can be improved and better integrated while preserving environmental standards and meeting community expectations.

Specialised teams to coordinate Commonwealth, state and territory assessments and clearer processes will improve business certainty and address delays.

The government is to be commended for moving quickly after calls by the MCA and others to create jobs while protecting the environment.

All governments should continue with positive reforms as a matter of urgency to support regional communities while encouraging investment through best-practice regulation.

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