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Minister secures granted exploration tenure

This morning, the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Hon Bill Johnston MLA, released a media statement, articulating the WA Government's strong response to doubts created over exploration tenure from yesterday's decision of the Warden's Court in the case of *True Fella Pty Ltd v Pantoro South Pty Ltd [2022] WAMW 19*.

[The Minister's full media statement can be read here.](#)

"AMEC appreciates the swift action of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Hon Bill Johnston MLA, in quickly addressing the uncertainty created by this decision, and providing the certainty and reassurance sought by industry," said Warren Pearce, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies.

Following the decision, AMEC sought an immediate response from government to ensure the certainty of granted exploration tenure.

In his media statement, Minister Johnston said, "Industry can be assured the McGowan Government is taking this matter very seriously, and will act to ensure certainty and security of tenure for proponents. This will include any steps necessary to ensure the validity of granted exploration licences."

"This is very welcome news for industry as the decision could potentially have had far reaching implications for the mining and mineral exploration industry."

"All mining and exploration companies and their investors can be extremely confident that the State of Western Australian remains a safe and stable investment destination."

"This is evidenced by the swift response of the WA Government, and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, in acting to ensure the security of granted tenure and the integrity of the register."

"This strong support from the WA Government is one of the principal reasons Western Australia was considered the World's No. 1 Mining Jurisdiction in the most recent and internationally renowned Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies," said Mr Pearce.

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