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WA Mines Minister takes action on long overdue legislation

AMEC welcomes legislative action announced today by WA Minister for Mines and Petroleum, the Hon. David Michael MLA.

In his short time as Minister, he has acted swiftly on policy settings that AMEC and the broader industry has been calling on for some time.

“AMEC has strongly advocated over many years for security of mining tenure and for changes to the lengthy and costly challenges faced by explorers, during the tenement application process.”

“This is a clear sign that the WA Government recognises the importance and contribution of explorers and miners, and the significant role they play on both a State and national level,” said AMEC Chief Executive, Mr Warren Pearce.

Recent court cases, namely True Fella and Blue Ribbon, have created significant challenges that require legislative reform.

“This is a crucial amendment for industry that should also take pressures off government departments that are dealing with a significant number of applications,” added Mr Pearce.

The Minister will also split the draft mining amendment legislation into two, with the goal to speed up the legislative process and deliver greater certainty to industry.

Draft amendments to address common pitfalls in the tenement application process such as the statements required to accompany an exploration licence application, are welcomed.

“To see this draft amendment legislation is a win for industry and will ensure mineral explorers and miners can get on with what they know best. And not get bogged down in administrative detail.”

“We know that security of title is paramount to Western Australia’s investment attractiveness. You can’t expect people to invest in WA if they don’t have secure title.”

“This draft amended legislation is credit to Minister Michael and his team and endorsed wholeheartedly by AMEC and our members.”

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