



# The Hon Anthony Roberts MP

## Minister for Resources and Energy

### Special Minister of State

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### MINERALS TASKFORCE TO DRIVE INDUSTRY

Minister for Resources & Energy Anthony Roberts today announced a taskforce charged with developing a Minerals Industry Action Plan to deliver economic growth to NSW over the next decade.

“The Minerals Industry Action Plan, the first of its type, demonstrates how serious the NSW Government is in boosting the State’s economy and creating employment,” Mr Roberts said.

“It will provide a roadmap for the growth in the minerals sector while balancing the need to protect our valuable agricultural land and water resources.

“NSW is home to a vibrant minerals industry that provides 33,000 direct jobs and more than 130,000 support jobs. Many of these jobs are in regional NSW supporting miners and their families, businesses and entire communities.

“NSW mineral industries produce gold, silver, copper, coal, industrial minerals and construction materials.

“In 2012/13, the sector produced in excess of \$21 billion in minerals and \$17 billion in exports, about a third of the State’s total exports.

“The industry provides \$1.3 billion each year in mining royalties, helping to fund NSW hospitals, schools and roads. Coal supports the State’s electricity needs, ensuring access by NSW residents and industry to cheap, reliable energy, meeting 80 per cent of our electricity supply.”

The Minerals Industry Taskforce will be chaired by Rob Adamson, Managing Director, RFC Ambrian. Mr Adamson has more than 20 years in senior investment and advisory roles and said, “It is encouraging the Government has established an industry-led taskforce to help develop future prosperity and growth.”

The other taskforce members are:

- Bob Besley, Chairman, Silver City Minerals Limited
- Stephen Galilee, CEO, NSW Minerals Council
- Bernie Hogan, Regional Manager, Eastern States & Northern Territory, Association of Mining & Exploration Companies (AMEC)
- Katharine Hole, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Coordination, Resources & Energy, NSW Trade & Investment
- Peter Jordan, District President, Northern Mining & NSW Energy District (CFMEU)
- Kristen Keegan, CEO, Hunter Business Chamber
- Stefanie Loader, General Manager, Northparkes Mines
- David Mould, Managing Director and CEO, Centennial Coal
- Professor Sue O’Reilly, Director, GEMOC, Macquarie University