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MINISTER WELCOMES NEW CHAIR OF MINE SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The peak health and safety body for the NSW mining industry, the Mine Safety Advisory Council, has convened its first meeting for 2012 with a new Chairman.

Minister for Resources and Energy, Chris Hartcher today welcomed the appointment of John Hannaford as Chairman of MSAC.

“I’m delighted we have been able to secure John as Chairman of this important advisory committee,” Mr Hartcher said.

“John has extensive government experience which will be essential in his new role focusing on the health and safety of mine workers across NSW.”



Mr John Hannaford,
Chair of Mine Safety Advisory
Council

Mr Hannaford has held senior roles in State Government including:

- Minister for Industrial Relations and Vice President of the Executive Council
- Minister for State Development
- Minister for Health and Community Services
- Attorney General

MSAC provides advice to the Minister for Resources and Energy on occupational health and safety in the NSW mining industry.

The Council includes senior officials from the mining industry including the CFMEU (Mining and Energy Division), Australian Workers Union, NSW Minerals Council and Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia.

Initiatives led by MSAC aim to improve the health and safety culture in the State’s billion dollar mining industry.

Mr Hannaford’s appointment as Chair of the Council follows the death of Mr Norman Jennings late last year, having held the role since 2006.