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COBAR MINING INDUSTRY FATIGUE FORUM

Resources Minister Chris Hartcher has welcomed today's mining industry fatigue forum being held in Cobar in the State's far west.

"While copper was discovered at Cobar in 1869, mine safety in NSW has come a long way since those days," Mr Hartcher said.

"Safety is of fundamental importance to the mining industry in NSW and a top priority of the NSW Government.

"While the industry has shown constant improvement in safety performance, we must still work together to achieve our common goal of a zero harm industry."

The Cobar forum is part of the Mine Safety Advisory Council's program aimed at reducing the likelihood of fatigue induced fatalities and serious injury.

"A key contributor to mining incidents is human fatigue - the causes and consequences of which we should be discussing," Mr Hartcher said.

"Today will provide industry with an opportunity to network and share information on overcoming barriers, fatigue management trends and resources for fatigue management."

The Mine Safety Advisory Council represents mining industry employers, workers and Government and advises the Minister on occupational health and safety in the NSW mining industry.

Hosted by NSW Trade & Investment the sessions will run from 8.30am until 11.30am at the Cobar Bowling Club, Bloxham Street, Cobar.