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## AMEC welcomes Resources Development Strategy to strengthen future prosperity

The Western Australian Government's Resources Development strategy released today by Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Hon Bill Johnston MLA, was welcomed by the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC).

The strategy has six priorities and focuses on policy to streamline approval processes, promote investment opportunities, and a commitment to continuing to support the successful Exploration Incentive Scheme.

"On the back of promising discoveries, interest in Western Australia's abundant mineral prospects is steadily increasing, reflected in the continued popularity and availability of programs like the EIS," said Warren Pearce, Chief Executive Officer of AMEC.

"AMEC has been advocating for cutting red tape and streamlining the process for opening new mines and it is excellent to see the Government making this a priority. New mines mean many new jobs, and wider benefits for the state."

The Strategy also focuses on diversifying the resources industry through growing the critical minerals industry.

"Following exponential growth in global demand for renewable batteries and other downstream critical minerals offerings, Governments are seeking to diversify and expand our local supply chains, these projects need the support of Government through policy like the Future Battery and Critical Minerals Industries Strategy which this strategy prioritises."

"The Western Australian mining industry has continued to perform strongly during a global pandemic, and this strategy shows how critical the mining and mineral exploration industry is for the state, to continue to provide benefits for all Western Australians," said Mr Pearce.

The strategy can be [read here](#).

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