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## Resignation of Deputy Premier The Hon John Barilaro MP

The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) extends its gratitude to outgoing Deputy Premier John Barilaro for his service during the last three years as minister responsible for resources.

“The minerals sector is a key industry for NSW and a vital contributor to local and regional economies across NSW, and Mr Barilaro has worked hard to deliver on the government commitments for the resources sector,” says AMEC Chief Executive Warren Pearce.

“Despite his significant workload as Deputy Premier, he has always made time to speak and meet with AMEC members, and to ensure that the importance of the mining and mineral exploration industry was well understood within government and in the community.”

“His *Resources for Regions* program has been monumental in showing a commitment by the NSW Government to support mining-impacted communities in regional NSW by providing economic opportunities, improved local amenity and positive social outcomes.”

“He has also worked to ensure that the mineral exploration sector was supported through the COVID-19 pandemic through relief programs, badly needed by small exploration companies within our membership.”

“AMEC has valued Mr Barilaro’s ongoing support of the industry and his commitment to the regions and regional industries and wishes him the best for his future.”



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