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AMEC welcomes Resilient, Responsible and Sustainable Plan for Queensland

The Draft Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan (QRIDP) was launched today by Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Minister for Resources Scott Stewart.

The draft plan sets out 6 focus areas for the Queensland Government to focus on to make the Resources industry in Queensland, Resilient, Responsible and Sustainable.

“AMEC, alongside the Queensland Resources Council and other significant stakeholders, has actively participated in the QRIDP process and it is great to see the time, effort and input reflected in the plans' 6 focus areas,” said Association of Mining and Exploration Companies' Chief Executive Officer Warren Pearce.

The draft plan released today is the result of in-depth stakeholder consultation earlier in 2021, with additional consultation on the draft occurring over the next 2 months in areas not visited originally, such as Cloncurry, Bundaberg, Moura, and Gladstone.

“The State government's Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI) is vital for the growth of our industry, so it excellent see the KPMG Report support not only maintaining but enhancing the funding for this program.”

Land Access is a key topic raised through consultation and the draft plan acknowledges that co-existence is an extremely important part of the Resources Industry and will be one of the 6 focus areas.

The draft QRIDP plan also acknowledges that renewable energy projects are encountering similar co-existence challenges as the resources industry.

“Yesterday's announcement of funding for a common user mineral processing facility shows the Government is genuinely listening to industry about what will accelerate mineral developments, and sends a clear message to investors, that Queensland is serious about developing supply chain resilience,” said Mr Pearce.

Submission on the draft plan close on 11th February and link to the QRIDP draft plan can be found [here](#) and AMEC's submission for the QRIDP can be [read here](#).

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