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Streamlining of Mining Approvals a welcome reform

The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) has welcomed today's announcement of streamlining to boost Western Australia's COVID-19 economic recovery.

"The introduction of a single approval instrument and low impact notification framework are significant reforms that will cut red tape and reduce approval timeframes," said Mr Warren Pearce, Chief Executive Officer, AMEC.

"These measures will make a meaningful improvement to the efficiency of the approvals process in Western Australia."

Reforms include a single approval instrument to approve mining activities across multiple tenements and a low impact notification process. AMEC has long advocated for both critical reforms.

"A single approval instrument will allow bundling multiple tenements and remove unnecessary administrative duplication."

"Low impact notification will simplify the approvals process for defined activities that are low risk and have negligible environmental impact."

"The notification process provides clarity and certainty for a proponent to invest in new mineral exploration projects and will free up departmental resources to prioritise compliance and more complex approvals."

"These sensible changes will reduce the Government's administrative burden and will not reduce the strong environmental protections currently provided in legislation."

"AMEC will continue to work closely with the Government and other stakeholders to assist in shaping these important reforms," said Mr Pearce.