

## Resource industry welcomes new Cabinet

THE resource industry's peak employer group is calling on the new Federal Government Cabinet to elevate the issues within Australia's industrial relations framework to the highest priority.

AMMA Chief Executive Steve Knott says employers in Australia's burgeoning resource industry are looking forward to discussing how the nation's workplace laws should be reformed with new workplace relations minister Bill Shorten.

"The Prime Minister today promised Australians that this Cabinet reshuffle will keep the economy strong and secure jobs. One of the biggest challenges to these objectives is the imbalance evident in the Fair Work Act," Mr Knott says.

"AMMA acknowledges Senator Chris Evans for his work in the workplace relations portfolio, in which resource industry employers have found him approachable and consultative.

"With the review of the Fair Work Act due to commence next year, Minister Shorten now has the opportunity to give industrial relations in Australia the attention it deserves and has been calling out for since 2009.

"If the Federal Labor Government is serious about overcoming the challenges facing our economy and placing greater emphasis on industry, productivity and participation, it needs to ensure the Fair Work review seriously considers the true concerns of employers.

"We are confident new workplace relations minister understands the crucial importance his new portfolio carries and will implement the widespread change needed to restore certainty and balance to Australian workplaces.

"The resource industry looks forward to working closely with Minister Shorten into the future."

*A high resolution image of AMMA Chief Executive Steve Knott is available upon request.*

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