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## Mining and gas job expos wrap up in Brisbane today

THE second round of the Queensland Government's mining and gas job expos wrap up today as the Brisbane Entertainment Centre hosts thousands of candidates eagerly speaking with the county's leading resources and allied sector employers.

National resource industry employer group AMMA has been an avid supporter of the initiative since its inception and says the Brisbane exhibition could be the largest yet.

"The very first exhibition at the Gold Coast last year set the bar really high for the following events, with more than 10,000 jobseekers flowing through the GCCEC. Over the past two weeks, Logan was exceptional with around 6000 attendees, while Ipswich and Toowoomba were also highly successful," says AMMA director Minna Knight.

"Given the strong interest in Brisbane has already seen the highest number of pre-registrations at 4200, today's Brisbane event is expected to rival the Gold Coast Expo as the largest and most successful yet.

"AMMA's representatives at today's event expect Boondall to be absolutely bustling with activity, proving Brisbane was the perfect choice to finish the second round of this initiative, which could significantly improve the high unemployment rate in certain Queensland regions."

Independent industry analysis shows the \$75bn of approved projects and \$87.6bn of pre-approved projects in Queensland could provide employment for an additional 35,000 Queenslanders by 2015.

Furthermore, Pit Crew industry research shows 10,400 steel and construction workers, 3200 fitters, 3400 electricians, 3200 motor mechanics, 7000 crane operators and 8200 labourers will be required on major Queensland projects over the next three years.

AMMA [miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://miningoilandgasjobs.com) representatives have been present at each of the State Government's Mining and Gas Jobs Expos. Website director Kyla Jones says the events are all about sharing knowledge, helping people create pathways into resources jobs and ultimately, linking jobseekers with the great opportunities arising from Queensland's resources boom.

"AMMA [miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://miningoilandgasjobs.com) has thoroughly enjoyed providing information to jobseekers alongside the country's largest mining, oil and gas, allied services, training and government organisations," Ms Jones says.

"The highest level of enquiry is coming from skilled and semi-skilled tradespeople and labourers who are looking for the right information and advice about how they can transition from their current job into a career in resources. But there have also been plenty of students, university graduates and professionals such as engineers approaching us.

"These events have led to a significant spike in activity on the AMMA [miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://miningoilandgasjobs.com) careers portal and are greatly assisting the wider resource industry to meet its future labour demand targets."

*AMMA Director Minna Knight is available for media interviews on the job expos, skills demand, FIFO and all resources matters.*

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