

## Government and resource industry collaborate on mining jobs board

The Australian Government's decision to work with the resource industry to help more Australians secure a job in mining has been welcomed by peak resource industry employer group AMMA.

AMMA Executive Director of Industry, Minna Knight said government and industry had reached a collaborative solution to the requirement for job advertisements for major resource projects seeking an Enterprise Migration Agreement (EMA) to be placed on a jobs board.

"Starting today, jobseekers that access the government jobs board <http://www.jobsearch.gov.au/resourcesectorjobs> will be linked directly to job vacancies posted by resource employers on the industry-run jobs website – [AMMA miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://www.amma.org.au/miningoilandgasjobs.com)," Ms Knight said.

"AMMA welcomes the government's commitment to support the existing efforts of industry in connecting Australians directly with employment opportunities in resources.

"This is a step in the right direction for jobseekers, employers and the government to address the industry's skills and labour crisis."

AMMA worked with resource employers to activate [AMMA miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://www.amma.org.au/miningoilandgasjobs.com), Australia's first resource industry-operated online jobs and careers portal in late 2011 in response to growing labour demands that threaten the country's \$500bn pipeline of projects.

"AMMA miningoilandgasjobs.com is an industry site with direct employer job advertising. No third party job advertising is accepted, so jobseekers can be assured all vacancies are advertised by resource employers, reducing the opportunity for job scams and other misleading material," Ms Knight said.

"The website currently has more than 1900 vacancies and regularly hosts jobs expos. The most recent expo in Perth attracted more than 14,000 jobseekers."

Leading economists predict up to 750,000 new jobs will be created on the back of Australia's mining boom in the coming decades and resource industry employers right across the country are posting their job vacancies on the website.

Ms Knight said [AMMA miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://www.amma.org.au/miningoilandgasjobs.com) is Australia's biggest source of information about employment in resources with the inclusion of a comprehensive Careers and Industry Guide.

"The Careers and Industry Guide has been designed specifically to prepare job candidates for a career in the resource industry by providing 700-plus pages of information on the technical details of each sector, locations, conditions, and training," she said.

"The quality of the information and ease of use has created a positive response from Australian workers and the site continues to grow in momentum among both jobseekers and employers."

AMMA developed the site in the wake of the National Resource Sector Employment Taskforce (NRSET) report and undertook extensive consultation with its key members, the federal government and industry stakeholders in the process.

The NRSET highlights current activity will create about 62,000 new mining jobs by 2015, also stating employers in the resource industry need to be innovative in their approach to sourcing and retaining employees.

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"The NRSET research was conducted in the first half of 2010 and since then we've seen further multi-billion dollar project approvals, record resources exports and heightened mining activity across the board. This demonstrates the figure of 63,000 is merely a starting point for industry estimates," Ms Knight said.

"While the industry supports the NRSET recommendations, we encourage the government to fast-track as many of the recommendations as possible so we can upskill, train and better prepare Australians for many of the roles which will be created in the coming years."

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## About AMMA [miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://miningoilandgasjobs.com)

MiningOilandGasJobs.com is Australia's biggest source of information about employment, career planning, migration, and training and development in the resources sector.

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AMMA undertook extensive consultation with its key members, the federal government and industry stakeholders to launch the site in late September 2011.

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AMMA [miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://miningoilandgasjobs.com) provides jobseekers with invaluable information about employment and career planning for the resource and allied industries. Through its jobs board and comprehensive Career and Industry Guide, the initiative addresses the burgeoning skills shortage by directly matching jobseekers with employers.

## Careers and Industry Guide

The Careers and Industry Guide with its 700-plus pages of information is acknowledged by many authorities as the best source of information on employment and/in the resource industry. The guide contains vital information for jobseekers when considering a career in the resource industry such as project locations, standard rosters, extensive job descriptions and crucial training and development information specific to the resource industry.

Established in 1918, resource industry employer group AMMA (the Australian Mines and Metals Association) represents the majority of resource employers across the mining, oil, gas, construction and allied sectors directly and indirectly employing more than 600,000 Australian workers.

AMMA is dedicated to providing jobseekers with sufficient information to plan long-term careers in Australia's thriving resource industry.