



Workplace reform 'urgent'

WORKPLACE relations reform is critical for Australia's resource industry to reclaim its place as the top global destination for billions of dollars in major project investment, according to Australia's resource industry employer group AMMA.

AMMA chief executive Steve Knott said with investment tightening and commodity prices falling, improvements to the workplace system could not come soon enough. "The urgent need for fundamental structural reform has become clearer in recent months as concerning signs emerge in our economy and labour market," he said.

"Only a few years ago, investment and jobs growth in Australia's resource sector showed little

signs of slowing, with direct employment, economic and social benefits flowing to every Australian."

Resource employers are calling for sustainable, long-term reforms that can survive across political cycles and position Australia as a world leading economy for generations to come.

Mr Knott said employers, unions and others should take up this opportunity to consider how our workplace relations system can better support our industries and communities into the future.

"We need to seize this opportunity to consider how we regulate work in this country and have a mature national debate on how we can realise our economic and social potential," he said.