



Miners sounding alarm

A MINING lobby group has said 2015 will be a “pivotal year” for the industry, and has called for major changes to the industrial relations system.

The Australian Mining and Minerals Association executive director Scott Barklamb said 2015 was likely to be a year of falling commodity prices, re-

duced investment, and increased industrial action.

“Investors are increasingly viewing Australia as an expensive place to do business,

are concerned at our capacity to deliver projects on time and budget, and are concerned about reduced productivity,” he said.

Mr Barklamb has backed the Federal Government’s announcement of a Productivity Commission review into workplace laws.

He says the AMMA will tell the Productivity Commission that “critical” problems with workplace laws need to be dealt with.