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## **Resource industry pays tribute to Ian Macfarlane**

*(AMMA – Australian Mines and Metals Association)*

NATIONAL resource industry employer group, AMMA, congratulates Ian Macfarlane on his outstanding 18-year career in federal politics and the enormous contribution he has made to the development of our resource industry under two governments.

“Ian’s leadership, commitment and support contributed significantly to the success of Australia’s resource industry under both the Howard and Abbott governments,” says AMMA chief executive Steve Knott.

“Ian is highly respected across our sector for the experience, leadership and passion he displayed as a cabinet minister and shadow minister.

“Throughout an extensive political career he has demonstrated a deep understanding of what it takes to support the resource industry in creating employment and economic benefits for all Australians.

“Most recently as former Minister for Industry, Ian played a key role in cutting excessive red tape, regulation and the mining tax, while introducing valuable incentives to kick-start new exploration activity.

“Similarly, as the long-standing Member for Groom, Ian has demonstrated a thorough understanding of and commitment to regional communities, and the benefits of a thriving business sector.

“AMMA thanks Ian for his career in the service of the Australian people and for being a strong and consistent advocate for a vibrant and competitive Australian resources sector. We wish him all the best for his post-parliamentary career.”

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