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Resources employers welcome new minister, thank Matthew Canavan for his commitment to sector

Australian Resources and Energy Group AMMA congratulates Queensland Nationals' MP Keith Pitt for his elevation to Cabinet as Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.

"AMMA and our members congratulate Mr Pitt for his appointment into this vitally important portfolio for Australia," AMMA Chief Executive, Steve Knott, said.

"We look forward to working with the new Minister on policies to support and grow an industry which provides hundreds of thousands of high-paying skilled jobs, supports regional economies and delivers the national revenues that builds vital infrastructure and funds social programs.

"For many years the Australian resources industry has been exceptionally served by committed and highly knowledgeable federal ministers from both ALP and Coalition governments, including Martin Ferguson, Gary Gray, Ian Macfarlane and most recently Matthew Canavan.

"Mr Pitt has big shoes to fill, but as a passionate regional Queenslander with prior experience in the trade and investment portfolio, we are sure he is up to the challenge."

Mr Knott also used the announcement of the new Cabinet to reiterate the appreciation of AMMA and its members for the hard work of Senator Canavan during his near-four years in the portfolio.

"Senator Canavan has been a strong supporter of AMMA, our members and the Australian resources and energy industry since being elected to the Senate in 2013," Mr Knott said.

"We have enjoyed an especially close relationship with Senator Canavan since his appointment as Minister for Resources and Northern Australia in 2016.

"Over this period he has achieved great things for the industry, not the least leading the Resources 2030 Taskforce in 2018 and developing the first National Resources Statement in over 20 years. AMMA was proud to have played a strong consultative role in that process.

"Senator Canavan should be extremely proud of all he has achieved as Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.

"It's clear he understands how important the resources industry is to supporting communities across regional Australia, and that for our regional areas to prosper, both resources and agriculture must co-exist and cooperate.

"We wish him all the best for the next phase of his parliamentary career."

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