

Media Statement: Queensland Government prioritises METS for Resources Industry Development Plan

Adrian Beer, Chief Executive Officer

The Queensland Government prioritised mining equipment, technology and services (METS) sector as pivotal to the future development and growth of Queensland's resources sector, in a draft plan released by Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk today.

METS Ignited Chief Executive Officer Adrian Beer said he welcomed the focus on METS in the Draft Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan (QRIDP) and the reaffirmed commitment to the Queensland METS 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan to support that work.

Mr Beer said METS Ignited, the sector's industry growth centre, had worked with the Department of Resources on the preparation of the Draft QRIDP and welcomed the report's focus on METS.

"The METS sector contributes worth \$7.2 billion and employs 20,000 Queenslanders. The clear message from the draft Plan is that the METS can deliver more and the Government expects it to deliver more," he said.

"The METS sector is vital to the industry's growth, safety and its environmental performance. I am very pleased the Government has prioritised METS and the draft Plan acknowledges 'Our METS sector will be solving many global industry problems and be a major contributor to the Queensland economy".

The Draft QRIDP also states: "Globally, resources industries are starting to respond to changing demands around productivity, environmental outcomes and extraction of difficult to-access resources. This enables Queensland's METS businesses and researchers to position themselves as the premier global destination for mining and innovation."

Link to the Draft Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan is here

Background

METS Ignited works with Australian suppliers to the mining industry, global miners, research organisations and capital providers to maintain and improve the global competitiveness and productivity of the Australian METS sector.

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