



Australian Government



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Commonwealth
of Australia

and

The Minerals Council
of Australia

Purpose

The purpose of the MOU is to formalise a partnership between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the Minerals Council of Australia to work together with Indigenous people to build sustainable, prosperous communities in which individuals can create and take up social, employment and business opportunities in mining regions.

Parties

The MOU is between the Commonwealth and the Minerals Council of Australia.

The Commonwealth will coordinate its participation across all agencies, and draw on other levels of government consistent with the National Framework of Principles for Delivering Services to Indigenous Australians.

The Minerals Council of Australia will coordinate participation of its member companies.

Scope

Actions under the MOU will focus on Indigenous communities in mining regions where MCA member companies operate. They will be applied on a local and regional basis, within agreed regional frameworks. Each party to this agreement will contribute within the scope of its responsibilities and operations.

Principles

The MOU establishes broad principles to guide activity at the regional level. These principles are:

- 1.** Collaboration and partnership between the parties based on mutual respect.
- 2.** Collaboration and partnership between the parties and Indigenous communities based on shared responsibilities and respect for culture, customs and values.
- 3.** The integration of sustainable development considerations within the MOU partnership decision-making process.
- 4.** Joint commitment to social, economic and institutional development of the communities with which the parties engage.

Deliverables

- Increased employability and jobs for Indigenous people.
- Increased business enterprises for Indigenous people.
- Prosperous Indigenous individuals, families and communities that endure beyond the life of mining in the region.
- A strong partnership between industry and government that works with Indigenous people locally to generate solutions to complex issues on a local or regional basis.
- A working group to progress implementation.
- A methodology for working together that includes regional frameworks and the promotion of best practice.

Regions

Activities under this MOU will focus on specific regions as agreed by the parties.

Timetable

The partnership will operate for five years.

Launch – June 2005

Working group established and methodology finalised – by end June 2005


Regional frameworks finalised – by end September 2005

First regional activity underway – October 2005

Review – early 2007.

**Execution clause for the Memorandum of Understanding between
the Commonwealth of Australia and the Minerals Council of Australia**

Signed, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by the Minister for Immigration and
Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs,



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Canberra, June 2005

Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone

and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and
Resources,



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Canberra, June 2005

the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP

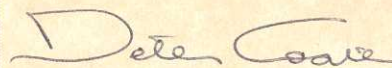
and the Minister for Employment and Workplace
Relations,



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Canberra, June 2005

the Hon Kevin Andrews MP

Signed, for and on behalf of the Minerals
Council Of Australia, by the Vice-Chairman,



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Canberra, June 2005

Peter Coates