

Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources (MCMPR) Mission Statement

MCMPR's mission is to contribute to the national wellbeing by promoting the progressive and sustainable development of the Australian mining, minerals and petroleum industry.

OBJECTIVES

MCMPR's objectives include:

- Progressing constructive and compatible changes to the basic legislative and policy framework for the sustainable development of minerals and petroleum resources, including influencing the direction of climate change response measures;
- Facilitating economically competitive development of the minerals and petroleum industries;
- Improving coordination and, where appropriate, the consistency of policy regimes;
- Encouraging new and expanded investment in competitive minerals and petroleum development opportunities; and
- Providing an opportunity for information and policy exchange.

The Council will consider issues under three broad strategic priorities: competitiveness, sustainability and indigenous reconciliation. The competitiveness and sustainability categories concern issues which impact the minerals and petroleum sectors' operational capabilities, investment, safety and environment. The indigenous reconciliation category focuses on the importance of working effectively with indigenous communities, addressing indigenous disadvantages, and promoting economic independence.

STRUCTURE

The Council consists of the Commonwealth Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism and State and Territory Ministers with responsibility for minerals and petroleum. The New Zealand Minister of Energy and the Papuan New Guinean Minister for Mining and the Minister for Petroleum and Energy have observer status.

MCMPR Ministers meet annually with on-going issues dealt with out-of-session. The Ministerial Council is supported by a Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) which meets regularly during the year. The Chair of the Ministerial Council and the SCO Chair rotate annually among member jurisdictions. The Secretariat is provided by the Commonwealth. Taskforces and working groups will be established as required to deal with specific issues.

The Council will consult with the Ministerial Council on Energy on the nation's energy needs, resources and policies.