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MCMPR Secretariat
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism
Resources Development Section
Canberra ACT 2601

By email sdmining@ret.gov.au

Dear Sir / Madam,

Draft Abandoned Mines Strategic Framework

The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) is the peak national industry body for mineral exploration and mining companies within Australia.

AMEC's strategic objective is to secure an environment that fosters mineral exploration and mining in Australia in a commercially, politically, socially and environmentally responsible manner.

It is in this context that AMEC provides the following comments relating to the draft Abandoned Mines Strategic Framework.

AMEC notes that the Framework aims to promote a strategic approach to managing abandoned mines so that sites are managed efficiently, sustainably, and the variety of values are recognised.

AMEC supports the development, and content of the Framework, and therefore requests that such endorsement is formally recognised in the final documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,



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