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Australian Mines and Metals Association

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Australian Mines and Metals Association Receives Workplace Innovator Award

Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Joe Hockey, has presented the Australian Mines and Metals Association with an award as a Workplace Innovator for services to the resources sector and promotion of innovative agreement making through employee engagement. Chief Executive Steve Knott accepted the award on behalf of AMMA.

The award was presented at a function yesterday in Perth where Minister Hockey addressed 150 people on the Coalition's IR policy and the impact of the election of an ALP Government.

Mr Knott said, "AMMA is proud to accept this award. It is an appropriate recognition of the work AMMA has been doing in the resources sector to encourage employee engagement as tool to increase business productivity and employee satisfaction."

2007 has seen AMMA undertake a great deal of work on behalf of employers in the resources sector, ensuring that their best interests are represented and acknowledged by all of Australia's political parties.

Mr Knott said "Through ongoing research and analyzing the experiences of our membership, we believe that high levels of employee engagement can support rapid improvements in organisational performance. Direct relationships have proven to provide a solid grounding upon which to build employee engagement. AMMA supports, Australia's current workplace relations framework, which provides a broad range of agreement making options and is conducive to improving workplace relationships."

"Throughout 2007 AMMA has encouraged Australian employers to continue to focus on the engagement of their employees and we trust that this award validates these efforts." said Mr Knott.

A continuation of workplace reforms of the past 14 years is vital for the resources sector to fully capitalise on opportunities, something that should be maximised if Australia is to prosper economically. AMMA will continue to remind all sides of politics of these facts.

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