



Women mine knowledge

Women working on remote mining, oil and gas projects will soon benefit from an industry e-mentoring program designed to increase gender diversity across the national resource sector.

The final details of the national e-mentoring program was one of many agenda items when the Australian Women in Resources Alliance (AWRA) reference group met in Perth on Tuesday.

With representatives from employers and government and industry bodies, AWRA sought to connect women resource workers with both male and female mentors whose success and experience could offer guidance and support.

“We’ve been overwhelmed with expressions of interest from women who want direct access to leaders in the industry, which indicates the desire of students, jobseekers and professionals to take advantage of the abundant career opportunities the sector offers,” AMMA executive director, industry Minna Knight said.

A recently completed national analysis of gender diversity in resource roles indicates both industry and government must step-up their efforts to increase the participation of women from the current 13.4 per cent to 25 per cent by 2020, in line with AWRA’s overarching goal.