



Pilbara Resources

'Overwhelming' interest in program

A MENTORING program designed to increase gender diversity in the resources sector has attracted "overwhelming" expressions of interest.

Australian Mines and Metals Association's Australian Women in Resources Alliance reference group met in Perth last week to discuss the final details of the national e-mentoring program.

AMMA industry executive director Minna Knight said the program would extend the benefits of mentoring to women who had struggled with face-to-face mentoring due to their remote locations and non-traditional work schedules.

"The program's technology will guide them through a structured process supported by an integrated chat tool, video confe-

rencing and various functions so both mentor and mentee get the most out of the relationship," she said.

A national analysis of gender diversity in resource roles, indicated 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, Ms Knight said.