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Former Ashurst partner David Parker takes on new role with AMMA

AMMA – Australian Mines and Metals Association

AUSTRALIA's resource industry employer group, AMMA, is pleased to announce the appointment of highly respected employment lawyer David Parker as head of its West Coast operations, located in Perth.

Mr Parker is well known to Western Australian employers having been a partner in the Employment Law practice of Ashurst Australia for almost 14 years.

He also has a strong industry and policy background having worked for a major peak industry association and in the Western Australian Government earlier in his career.

"David's appointment comes as resource employers continue to adjust to challenging market conditions, which is driving demand for support across a range of workplace relations, human resources and employment law matters," says AMMA's director of workplace relations, Amanda Mansini.

"In this newly created role David will focus on workplace relations strategy and working with AMMA's members in building a sustainable framework for the industry going forward.

"As many Western Australian projects move to the operations phase, now more than ever it is critical that we get workplace relations right - for the benefit of the industry and all Australians.

"David brings exceptional credentials, experience and depth of industry knowledge to this challenge."

David Parker's appointment comes off the back of another well-respected workplace relations professional joining AMMA this month – former Rio Tinto HR manager Peter Cooke. Mr Cooke joins AMMA as a principal employee relations consultant, also based in Perth.

"These appointments reflect an emerging demand from the resources sector for more sophisticated support than that traditionally offered by employer associations," Ms Mansini continues.

"AMMA members and clients are increasingly seeking greater depth and complexity in advisory support to improve their market share and productivity in a challenging environment.

"With David and Peter joining AMMA's existing workplace relations specialists, we are proud to offer resource employers an exceptionally strong team with unrivalled industry experience."

David Parker commences as Head of West Coast with AMMA in January 2017. Peter Cooke's appointment is effective immediately.

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