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Approval for new Tasmanian mine welcomed by resource industry

RESOURCE industry employer group AMMA has welcomed the federal government's approval of Shree Minerals' Tarkine mine, following new environment minister Mark Butler's review of the application.

Minister Butler was required to review the approval granted by his predecessor Tony Burke after it emerged an administrative error had occurred at the departmental level.

"Industry welcomes the federal government's approval of Shree Minerals' Tarkine project, which will bring a positive injection of employment and economic opportunities for the local community," AMMA chief executive Steve Knott says.

"Mining has been a strong part of Tasmania's economic history and with the nation's worst unemployment rate at 8.1%, this approval is a welcome signal that Tasmania is open for responsible business.

"On the back of more unfortunate news of job losses in the state's manufacturing sector, it is very important for the state to attract new investment in its resource industry.

"Mining activities in Tasmania have a proven track record of operating in an environmentally sustainable way, while contributing jobs and opportunities to the local economic and community.

"We commend Minister Butler for working closely with key stakeholders, including relevant environmental authorities, to make a swift and responsible judgment on this important project."

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