

# Media Release

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## **IMARC 2017: CONNECTING VICTORIAN MINING TO THE WORLD**

Victoria's mining sector will be on show to the world when Melbourne hosts the 2017 International Mining and Resources Conference (IMARC).

Minister for Industry and Employment Wade Noonan said IMARC 2017 would connect local businesses with global mining leaders and drive new trade and investment deals to create Victorian jobs.

Victoria is Australia's largest exporter of mining equipment and services.

New Deloitte research estimates the Victorian mining sector is worth more than \$13 billion annually, employing more than 120,000 people.

The conference is expected to highlight growth in key sectors including education and training, research, digital technology and professional services.

Victoria is home to the headquarters of BHP, MMG, Oceanagold, Newcrest Mining, Alumina, St Barbara, and Orica as well as Rio Tinto's Asia-Pacific regional headquarters.

IMARC 2016 was attended by more than 2,500 delegates from 58 countries, including 20 international mining ministers. This year's event is expected to attract more than 3,000 delegates.

The Andrews Labor Government will continue supporting IMARC to connect local businesses with global investment opportunities.

IMARC 2017 will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 30 October to 2 November.

### **Quotes attributable to the Minister for Industry and Employment Wade Noonan**

*"By connecting local Victorian companies with the global leaders of the mining industry – we're driving new investment opportunities and creating jobs."*

*"IMARC is the perfect setting to connect the best and brightest of this sector, and Melbourne is undoubtedly the perfect host."*

*"We'll continue working hard to drive growth across the mining sector and create more local jobs."*