



ALP Response Resource Industry Network For the Future of our Region Election Survey

Question 1

Do you support companies developing new thermal and metallurgical coal mines in Australia?

Our position on this is clear, we support mining developments which stack up environmentally and financially because they provide secure, stable jobs for local Queenslanders. Australia is a world leader in the resource industry and this sector provides huge benefits for our entire economy but we'll be fighting to ensure more of these benefits are returned to our local community and not sent overseas to multinational companies.

Question 2

Outline, if elected, what will your party do to ensure mining begins in the Galilee Basin?

Again, our position on this is clear, we support mining developments which stack up environmentally and financially because they provide secure, stable jobs for local Queenslanders. In addition, Labor has announced that up to \$1.5 billion will be set aside to unlock gas reserves in the Galilee Basin and Bowen Basin through the Northern Australia Development Fund and we will kick-start the discovery of new resource deposits throughout Australia with our *Future Mines and Jobs Plan*. Not only does Labor have a plan to support new mines taking advantage of more types of resources, but we are the party that will always fight to protect the rights of mine workers.

Question 3

Outline, if elected, what will your party do to ensure the construction of a proposed railway line connecting Galilee Basin industries to the east coast network?

Issues surrounding rail access are matters for the companies involved, but Labor notes that no company has plans for major rail investment in the basin.

Question 4

Outline, if elected, what will your party do to ensure Queensland is ranked as a top global mining investment destination?

Only Labor has a plan to discover new mineral deposits and develop the mines of the future through a Future Mines Centre and scholarships to train more mining engineers. Two-thirds of potential mineral deposits are undiscovered because they lie deeper than the limits of past exploration technology. Labor's Future Mines Centre will provide the investment needed to coordinate exploration of these deposits, which could be the next Mt Isa in their scale. We need to ensure Australia is at the front of the pack when it comes to exporting for the critical commodities of the future like lithium, as well as our traditional exports in iron ore and coal.

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