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MINISTER FOR RESOURCES
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On behalf of the Australian Government, I'm delighted to welcome delegates from around the world to the World Mining Congress in the beautiful city of Brisbane.

It is a great honour for Australia to host such a prestigious gathering of industry leaders.

Australia is a natural venue for the 26th World Mining Congress.

We are a mining nation. And we are justifiably proud of our resources sector that continues to supply energy and resources to the world.

From the gold and copper booms of the 1800s, to our coal trade, and the massive post-war growth of our iron ore and LNG export industries, Australia has forged a reputation as a stable and reliable partner, for both resources exports and investment.

This year's Congress comes at a time of great change for the mining industry around the world.

The global shift to decarbonise our economies to meet global climate commitments will lead to significant changes in mining and resources industries over the coming decades.

The increasing demand for clean energy technologies is creating new opportunities for critical minerals and rare earths which will be crucial to meet demand for items such as electric vehicles and storage batteries.

The road to net zero runs through the resources sector.

Issues surrounding environmental sustainability, technology, artificial intelligence, decarbonisation, exploration, geoscience, workplace training and workplace health and safety, among others, are front and centre for companies and governments around the world.

The World Mining Congress presents a great opportunity to examine those issues in depth, and to learn from some of the tremendous innovation taking place in the sector.

I look forward to joining you all in the discussions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Madeleine King'.

The Hon Madeleine King MP
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