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**Minerals Week 2026**

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<b>Monday 23 March – Hotel Realm Canberra</b>	
12.00 noon-12.30 pm	<b>Light lunch available</b> <i>Venue: National Ballroom Foyer</i>
11.30 am-5.00 pm	<b>Committee Meetings – MCA committee members only</b> <i>Venue: National Ballrooms</i>
6.30 pm-10.30 pm	<b>Australian Minerals Industry Parliamentary Dinner</b> <i>Venue: Great Hall, Parliament House</i>

<b>Tuesday 24 March - Hotel Realm Canberra</b>	
8.30 am-12.30 pm	<b>MCA Board Meeting</b>
12.15 pm-1.00 pm	<b>MW registration and lunch</b> <i>Venue: National Ballroom Foyer</i>

<b>Minerals Week Conference Program</b> <i>Venue: National Ballroom</i>	
1.00 pm-1.15 pm	<b>Welcome address</b> <b>Tania Constable PSM</b> Chief Executive Officer Minerals Council of Australia
1.15 pm-1.50 pm	<b>Reflections on the global energy transition and the outlook for critical minerals</b> <i>Keynote address and in conversation</i> <b>Dr Fatih Birol</b> Executive Director International Energy Agency <b>Chris Uhlmann</b> (facilitator) Journalist and media commentator



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1.50 pm-2.30 pm	<p><b>Opportunities within the energy transition for Australian mining</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>Dr Huw McKay</b>          Visiting Fellow          ANU</p> <p><b>Elsabe Muller</b>          Vice President Operations Australia          Alcoa Australia</p> <p><b>Daniel Price</b>          Managing Director          Frontier Economics</p> <p><b>Dr Jennifer Purdie</b>          Non-Executive Director          Metro Mining</p> <p><b>Chris Uhlmann</b> (facilitator)          Journalist and media commentator</p>
2.30 pm-3.10 pm	<p><b>US Critical Minerals</b></p> <p><i>Keynote address</i></p> <p><b>Joshua Kroon</b>          Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Consumer Goods, Materials,          Critical Minerals &amp; Metals          US Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration</p> <p><b>Andrew Greene</b> (facilitator)          National Political Editor          The West Australian</p>
3.10 pm-3.25 pm	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>
3.25 pm-3.45 pm	<p><b>The Australian mining industry's economic contribution</b></p> <p><i>Keynote address</i></p> <p><b>Geraldine Slattery</b>          President Australia          BHP</p>



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<p>3.45 pm-4.50 pm</p>	<p><b>When geopolitics and economics meet: Australia's place in the world</b>  <i>Keynote address</i>  <b>The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO</b>          Chairman, United States Studies Centre          Former Australian Ambassador to the United States  <i>Panel discussion</i>  <b>Professor James Curran</b>          Professor of Modern History          Sydney University  <b>Cameron Mitchell</b>          Head of Geopolitical Risk          ANZ  <b>The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO</b>          Chairman, United States Studies Centre          Former Australian Ambassador to the United States  <b>Michael Stutchbury</b> (facilitator)          Executive Director          Centre for Independent Studies</p>
<p>4.50 pm-5.20 pm</p>	<p><b>Reflections on leadership</b>  <b>Amanda Lacaze</b>          Chief Executive Officer &amp; Managing Director          Lynas Rare Earths  <b>Brad Thompson</b> (facilitator)          Mining Reporter          The Australian</p>
<p>5.20 pm-5.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Day One closing remarks</b>  <b>David Parker</b>          Executive Director, Western Australia          Minerals Council of Australia</p>
<p>6.15 pm-8.15 pm</p>	<p><b>Minerals Week Networking Drinks</b>  <i>Venue: The Marion, Barrine Drive Parkes</i></p>



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Wednesday 25 March – National Ballroom, Hotel Realm Canberra	
7.30 am-8.45 am	<p><b>Resources Minister Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>Operationalising strategic partnerships – secure supply chains, defence and economic security in an uncertain world</b></p> <p><i>Keynote address</i></p> <p><b>The Hon Madeleine King MP</b>            Minister for Resources, Minister for Northern Australia</p> <p><b>Gerhard Veldsman</b> (introduction)            Chief Executive Officer            Hancock Iron Ore</p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>The Hon Madeleine King MP</b>            Minister for Resources, Minister for Northern Australia</p> <p><b>Jennifer Cole OBE</b>            Minister Counsellor, National Security            British High Commission in Australia</p> <p><b>His Excellency Kazuhiro Suzuki</b>            Ambassador of Japan to Australia</p> <p><b>John Hopkins</b>            Managing Director &amp; CEO            Export Finance Australia</p> <p><b>Jennifer Hewett</b> (facilitator)            National Affairs Columnist            Australian Financial Review</p>
8.45 am-9.30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
9.30 am-10.00 am	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>The Hon Angus Taylor MP</b>            Leader of the Opposition</p> <p><b>Ivan Vella</b> (facilitator)            Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer            IGO Limited</p>
10.00 am-10.45 am	<p><b>Unlocking mining investment: lessons from recent experience</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>



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	<p><b>Michael Hudson</b>          President, CEO &amp; Managing Director          Southern Cross Gold</p> <p><b>Dr Vanessa Torres</b>          Chair          Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia</p> <p><b>Sarah Watson</b>          Head of ESG &amp; Permitting          Harmony Eva Copper Mine Project</p> <p><b>Sarah Withell</b>          Executive General Manager HSE          Whitehaven Coal</p> <p><b>Cass McCarthy</b> (facilitator)          Head of Corporate Affairs Australia          Glencore</p>
10.45 am-11.15 am	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Senator Susan McDonald</b>          Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia</p> <p><b>Simon Troeth</b> (Facilitator)          General Manager, Communication          Minerals Council of Australia</p>
11.15 am-11.30 am	<p><b>Morning Tea</b></p>
11.30 am-11.50 am	<p><b>Support for investment in the Australian minerals industry</b></p> <p><i>In-conversation</i></p> <p><b>Senator Pauline Hanson</b>          Leader          One Nation</p> <p><b>Charles Croucher</b> (facilitator)          Chief Political Editor          Nine Network</p>
11.50 am-12.45 pm	<p><b>Global perspectives in mining</b></p> <p><i>Keynote address</i></p> <p><b>Her Excellency Beatriz de la Fuente</b>          Ambassador of Chile to Australia</p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p>



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	<p><b>Dr Florian Anderhuber</b>          Deputy Director General, Director Energy, Climate &amp; Sustainability          Euromines</p> <p><b>Pierre Gratton</b>          President and Chief Executive Officer          Mining Association of Canada</p> <p><b>Veronika Shime</b>          Senior Adviser, Vice President of International Policy and Sustainability          National Mining Association USA</p> <p><b>Maria Eulalia Silva</b>          Executive President          Ecuadorian Chamber of Mining</p> <p><b>Dr Vanessa Torres</b> (facilitator)          Chair          Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia</p>
<b>12.45 pm-1.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15 pm-2.00 pm	<p><b>Funding the future: the backbone of the mining boom</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>Kate Russell</b>          Chief Executive Officer          Supply Nation</p> <p><b>Darren Stralow</b>          Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director          Bellevue Gold</p> <p><b>Kelly Veava</b>          Mayor          Isaac Regional Council</p> <p><b>Janette Hewson</b> (facilitator)          Chief Executive Officer          Queensland Resources Council</p>
2.00 pm-2.45 pm	<p><b>Catalysing investment through shared use infrastructure</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>Darryl Cuzzubbo</b>          Chief Executive Officer &amp; Managing Director          Arafura Rare Earths</p>



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	<p><b>Michael Mahy</b>          Partner          Synergy Group Australia</p> <p><b>Louie Trajkoski</b>          Senior Director, Investment          Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund</p> <p><b>Cathryn Tilmouth</b> (facilitator)          Executive Director          Minerals Council of Australia Northern Territory</p>
2.45 pm-3.30 pm	<p><b>Getting regulation right: Enabling responsible development and productivity</b>  <i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>Laura Helm</b>          Executive Director, Regulatory Operations          Resources Victoria</p> <p><b>Mike Kaiser</b>          Secretary          Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p><b>Stuart Knowles</b>          Territory Coordinator          Northern Territory Government</p> <p><b>Darren Stralow</b> (facilitator)          Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director          Bellevue Gold</p>
3.30 pm-3.45 pm	<p><b>Shaping environmental reform</b>  <i>Keynote address</i></p> <p><b>Senator the Hon Murray Watt</b>          Minister for the Environment and Water</p> <p><b>Sid Marris</b> (facilitator)          Deputy Chief Executive Officer          Minerals Council of Australia</p>
3.45 pm-3.55 pm	<p><b>Closing address</b></p> <p><b>Sid Marris</b>          Deputy Chief Executive Officer          Minerals Council of Australia</p>



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4.00 pm	Conference Close - Afternoon Tea available
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