



**MW** 23-25 MARCH  
**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>
12.30 pm-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 noon	<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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<p>1.50 pm-2.30 pm</p>	<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>          Chief Executive Officer          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>Facilitator TBC</p>
<p>2.30 pm-3.25 pm</p>	<p><b>When geopolitics and economics meet: Australia's place in the world</b></p> <p><i>Keynote address</i></p> <p><b>The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO</b>          Chairman, United States Studies Centre          Former Australian Ambassador to the United States</p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>Professor James Curran</b>          Professor of Modern History          Sydney University</p> <p><b>Cameron Mitchell</b>          Head of Geopolitical Risk          ANZ</p> <p><b>The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO</b>          Chairman, United States Studies Centre          Former Australian Ambassador to the United States</p> <p><b>Michael Stutchbury</b> (facilitator)          Executive Director          Centre for Independent Studies</p>
<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>	



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3.40 pm-4.10 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>
4.10 pm-4.50 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>
4.50 pm-5.20 pm	<p><b>Reflections on leadership</b></p> <p><b>Amanda Lacaze</b>          Chief Executive Officer          Lynas Rare Earths</p>
5.20 pm-5.30 pm	<p><b>Day One closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>David Parker</b>          Executive Director, Western Australia          Minerals Council of Australia</p>
6.15 pm-8.15 pm	<p><b>Minerals Week Networking Drinks</b></p> <p><i>Venue: The Marion, Barrine Drive Parkes</i></p>

<p><b>Wednesday 25 March – National Ballroom, Hotel Realm Canberra</b></p>	
7.30 am-8.45 am	<p><b>Resources Minister’s 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><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>The Hon Madeleine King MP</b></p>



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	<p>Minister for Resources, Minister for Northern Australia</p> <p><b>His Excellency Kazuhiro Suzuki</b>          Ambassador of Japan to Australia</p> <p><b>His Excellency Gabriele Visentin</b>          European Union Ambassador to Australia</p> <p><b>Jennifer Hewett</b> (facilitator)          National Affairs Columnist          Australian Financial Review</p>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	
9.30 am-10.00 am	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>The Hon Angus Taylor MP</b> (invited)          Leader of the Opposition</p>
10.00 am-10.45 am	<p><b>Unlocking mining investment: lessons from recent experience</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <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</p> <p><b>Sarah Withell</b>          Executive General Manager HSE          Whitehaven Coal</p> <p><b>Cass McCarthy</b> (facilitator)          Head of Corporate Affairs          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>



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Morning Tea	
11.30 am-11.50 am	<p><b>Support for investment in the Australian minerals industry</b></p> <p><b>Senator Pauline Hanson</b>            Leader            One Nation</p>
11.50 am-12.35 pm	<p><b>Global perspectives in mining</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <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>Facilitator TBC</p>
Lunch	
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 Region</p> <p>Facilitator TBC</p>



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<p>2.00 pm-2.45 pm</p>	<p><b>Catalysing investment through shared use infrastructure</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><b>Darryl Cuzzubbo</b>        Chief Executive Officer        Arafura Rare Earths</p> <p><b>Michael Mahy</b>        Partner        Synergy Group Australia</p> <p><b>Louie Trajkoski</b>        Senior Director, Investment        Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund</p> <p>Additional panellists TBC</p>
<p>2.45 pm-3.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Getting regulation right: Enabling responsible development and productivity</b></p> <p><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>Facilitator TBC</p>
<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>	
<p>3.45 pm-4.15 pm</p>	<p><b>In-conversation</b></p> <p>Speaker TBC</p>
<p>4.15 pm-4.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Closing address</b></p> <p><b>Sid Marris</b>        Deputy Chief Executive Officer        Minerals Council of Australia</p>