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‘Cancer of Neglect’: Australia’s Mining Export Industry in Decay

Recent reports suggest Australia’s critical minerals export chain is in a dangerous state of inadequacy.

The economic downturn has exacerbated bottleneck areas from pit-to-port. This proves an inability in the mining supply chain to match the rate at which mining producers extract minerals, and meet their contract tonnages.

The Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) published the ‘Vision 2020 Project’ recently, and revealed a “*Critical State*” of inadequacy within the minerals export chain. As a result, there is an urgent need to recognise the joint public and private effort required to boost mining export infrastructure, on a national scale, for better planning and regulation.

The report, which focuses on Australia’s mining ‘*Path to Prosperity*’, forms key discussion points at IQPC Australia’s Annual **Mining Export Infrastructure**. In its third year, the 2010 conference has been developed to tackle these critical issues within a forum of shared knowledge and experience, namely; how to implement whole-of-supply-chain strategies, how to assess regulatory constraints and frameworks, and exploring the status of infrastructure privatisation and the progress of public infrastructure projects.

The conference hosts senior executive attendees and speakers from across the mining supply chain, including mining operators, contractors, suppliers and key Government departments.

Join IQPC in February 2010 for a comprehensive review of Australia’s Mining Export Infrastructure. This is an opportunity to network with global leaders and innovators in this space.

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