

Question on Notice
No. 788
Asked on 14 May 2019

Mr S Andrew asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland coking coal which satisfies growing global steel-making demands, sustains local employment across regional communities and economic benefit for all Queenslanders—

Will the Premier advise what measures are in place to reassure project investors in new and expanded export Metallurgical coal mines?

ANSWER:

My Government has helped to facilitate more than \$20 billion in resources projects since January 2015 and created 7000 jobs.

These projects are delivering both employment and business opportunities for local and regional suppliers, contractors and service providers.

Fifty-four coal mining leases have been granted since 2015 with an average grant time of 18 months after lodgement.

In April 2019, the \$1 billion metallurgical coal mining project of Winchester South was declared a coordinated project by Queensland's Coordinator-General.

On 13 May 2019, the Coordinator-General approved the proposed \$1 billion Olive Downs metallurgical coal mine, near Moranbah. The Olive Downs project is expected to create 1000 operational jobs and 500 jobs during construction, adding to the 199,000 jobs created since January 2015.

These major investments and job figures demonstrate that Queensland continues to be a global resources investment magnet.