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Mr Stuart Fisher
Principal Policy Officer
Department for Innovation and Skills
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Dear Mr Fisher

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the Department for Innovation and Skills (DIS) review into South Australia's Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMA).

SACOME is the peak industry body representing companies with interests in the South Australian minerals, energy, extractive, oil and gas sectors and associated service providers.

SACOME is pleased to note that, further to our 2020 submission, electrical and mechanical engineers have been included in the South Australian Regional Workforce DAMA occupation list.

SACOME also notes, however, these occupations have been removed from the Adelaide City Technology and Innovation Advancement DAMA occupation list.

SACOME member companies operate in both metropolitan and regional areas and SACOME reiterates that DIS should consider including skilled engineers and geologists in the occupation lists for both South Australian DAMAs to assist in ensuring a pipeline of qualified professionals as the resources sector in South Australia continues to grow.

SACOME notes that on 27 October 2020, the Commonwealth Government agreed to significant changes to both South Australian DAMAs, including the removal of the following occupations:

- Bulldozer operator;
- Construction Rigger;
- Crane, Hoist or Lift Operator;
- Diesel Motor Mechanic;
- Earthmoving Pant Operator;



- Excavator Plant Operator;
- Grader Operator;
- Loader Operator
- Sand Blaster;
- Scaffolder;
- Steel Fixer; Structural Steel Erector;
- Truck Driver (General);

SACOME supports these occupations being reinstated to both South Australian DAMAs to provide SACOME member companies with choice when employing in these positions.

SACOME thanks the DIS for the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions to the DAMA review and remains committed to ongoing dialogue with the State Government in relation to these matters.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Knol'.

Rebecca Knol
Chief Executive Officer