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Mr Stuart Fisher
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Dear Mr Fisher

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) welcomes the opportunity to provide input to South Australia's state-nominated skilled migration program for 2019-20.

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 understands annually, the State Government nominates approximately 2,500 skilled migrants for a visa based on occupations identified as having skilled shortages in South Australia.

SACOME has consulted with its industry members in order to better inform the State-Nominated Occupation List (SNOL) from a resources sector perspective.

SACOME member companies have experienced difficulties in employing skilled engineers (chemical; electrical; mechanical; mining and petroleum) and geologists.

SACOME member companies have indicated a lack of experience in a particular commodity, mining technique or job role as major barriers to employing local candidates.

Further, a lack of familiarity with relevant software and an unwillingness to relocate have been identified as barriers to employing local candidates.

SACOME notes that the occupations identified by industry members are currently listed on the State's Supplementary Skilled List (SSL) and predominantly available to onshore applicants already working in South Australia.

Given the difficulties SACOME member companies have experienced in employing appropriate candidates, SACOME proposes that the following occupations should be included in the SNOL:

- engineers (chemical; electrical; mechanical; mining and petroleum); and
- geologists.

SACOME submits that the demand for skilled engineers and geologists will continue to increase as mining and petroleum projects commence or expand.

SACOME remains committed to ongoing dialogue with the State Government in relation to these matters.

Kind regards,



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