



**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

**TO**

**THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE SCRUTINY OF NEW  
TAXES**

***THE MINING TAX: A BAD TAX OUT OF A FLAWED PROCESS***

The Government has undertaken extensive consultation on the design elements of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) and the extended Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT). The public consultation that was initially conducted by the Policy Transition Group (PTG) prior to the release of this report has continued through the industry based Resource Tax Implementation Group (RTIG). RTIG have been considering the detailed design of the draft legislation. Draft legislation for the MRRT and extended PRRT has also now been released for public consultation.

The recommendations contained within this report are not supported by all members of the Senate committee. A Dissenting Report was published within the Senate report that did not agree with the recommendations contained in the report. This dissenting report contained within the Senate Report outlined:

- the strength of the current mining boom
- highlighted that Australians have a right to share in the profits derived from the mining the finite resources owned by Australians
- outlined that the MRRT revenue is being used to implement important tax and superannuation reforms.
- Detailed the consultative process that was used in the development of the MRRT and extension of the PRRT.

The dissenting report concluded that the MRRT should be implemented from 1 July 2012.

The Government introduced the MRRT Bills into Parliament on 2 November 2011.