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Minister for Resources and Northern Australia to address Industry Briefing

Federal Resources and Northern Australia Minister, Senator Matt Canavan, will be guest speaker at Resource Industry Network's first Industry Briefing for 2017.

The briefing, on Friday February 3, will be a bumper event with additional presentations from the Australia India Business Council, RIN Director Mark Walter and event sponsor Cor Cooling.

RIN Manager Adrienne Rourke said Senator Canavan would provide an overview of the Government's investment in and support of the resources sector.

"The federal government has invested \$100 million in the Exploring the Future Program which aims to boost exploration investment in Australia's resources sector. The program will produce the next generation of pre competitive geoscience data and will improve Australia's long term exploration prospects.

"Investment in new mines is critical to our sector's ability to continue to be at the forefront of cutting edge mine development and maintenance technology and innovation, ensuring our future growth and competitiveness.

"Senator Canavan is also a vocal supporter of the coal sector in Queensland, including the opening up of the Galilee Basin and the Adani Carmichael projects and the benefits they will bring to regional centres in Northern Queensland," Mrs Rourke said.

RIN Director Mark Walter will give a report on his recent TIQ Trade Mission to India. Mark will highlight his meetings with NSL Mining Resources India, Singareni Collieries and Vishwa Industrial Company and the opportunities those companies are offering Australian businesses. He also attended the International Mining & Machinery Exhibition.

The Australia India Business Council will also attend to announce the 2017 Resources Forum, and RIN will officially launch its 2017 Chairman's Awards.

The briefing will be held at Ocean International from 12noon – 2.00pm on Friday February 3. Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. Bookings are essential at www.resourceindustrynetwork.org.au

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