

# NEWS RELEASE

**Release Time** IMMEDIATE

**Date** 27 May 2015

## **BHP BILLITON ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR ‘RECOGNISE’ CAMPAIGN**

On today’s commencement of National Reconciliation Week BHP Billiton CEO, Andrew Mackenzie, announced the Company’s support for Constitutional Recognition and the ‘*Recognise*’ campaign.

Reflecting on historic step changes in formal recognition of the rights and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Mr Mackenzie said support for the ‘*Recognise*’ movement was consistent with the values underpinning the relationships BHP Billiton seeks to have with Indigenous Australians.

“On this day in 1967, Australia’s most successful referendum was held. Over 90 per cent of the nation voted “Yes” to give the Federal Parliament the power to make laws in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and to allow for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to be included in the census. Today I am proud to announce BHP Billiton’s support for the ‘*Recognise*’ campaign to build public understanding of the Constitutional Recognition issue.” Mr Mackenzie said.

‘*Recognise*’ joint campaign director Tanya Hosch welcomed the announcement and said she hoped it inspired others from every sector of society to think about how they could also signal their strong support and leadership.

“We’re extremely pleased that BHP is putting its weight behind the intention of the campaign,” Ms Hosch said.

“For them to add their voice to this, we hope it will encourage others to step forward proudly and join with them.”

Mr Mackenzie said Indigenous Peoples were critical partners and stakeholders in many of BHP Billiton’s operations both within Australia and around the world.

“Many of our operations are located on or near traditional Indigenous lands and the long-term nature of our operations allows us to establish long lasting relationships with the Indigenous communities in which we operate and those neighbouring our operations,” Mr Mackenzie said.

“Our on-the-ground experience means we understand Indigenous Peoples often have profound and special connections to, and identification with, lands and waters which are tied to their physical, spiritual, cultural and economic wellbeing.

“Through our engagement with Indigenous Peoples, we seek to contribute to their sustainable long term economic empowerment, social development needs and cultural wellbeing.”

Read Andrew Mackenzie's announcement of support for Constitutional Recognition here:

<http://www.bhpbilliton.com/home/investors/reports/Pages/Roll%20up%20Pages/Constitutional-Recognition.aspx>

Further information on BHP Billiton's relationships with Indigenous Peoples can be found at:

<http://www.bhpbilliton.com/home/society/indigenouscommunities/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Media Relations**

#### **Australia**

Emily Perry  
Tel: +61 3 9609 2800 Mobile: +61 477 325 803  
email: [Emily.Perry@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Emily.Perry@bhpbilliton.com)

Paul Hitchins  
Tel: + 61 3 9609 2592 Mobile: + 61 419 315 001  
email: [Paul.Hitchins@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Paul.Hitchins@bhpbilliton.com)

Eleanor Nichols  
Tel: +61 3 9609 2360 Mobile: +61 407 064 748  
email: [Eleanor.Nichols@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Eleanor.Nichols@bhpbilliton.com)

#### **United Kingdom and Americas**

Ruban Yogarajah  
Tel: +44 20 7802 4033 Mobile: +44 7827 082 022  
email: [Ruban.Yogarajah@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Ruban.Yogarajah@bhpbilliton.com)

Jennifer White  
Tel: +44 20 7802 7462 Mobile: +44 7827 253 764  
email: [Jennifer.White@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Jennifer.White@bhpbilliton.com)

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077  
Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: Level 16, 171 Collins Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia  
Tel +61 1300 55 4757 Fax +61 3 9609 3015

Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia

### **Investor Relations**

#### **Australia**

Tara Dines  
Tel: +61 3 9609 2222 Mobile: +61 499 249 005  
email: [Tara.Dines@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Tara.Dines@bhpbilliton.com)

Andrew Gunn  
Tel: +61 3 9609 3575 Mobile: +61 402 087 354  
email: [Andrew.Gunn@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Andrew.Gunn@bhpbilliton.com)

#### **United Kingdom and South Africa**

Jonathan Price  
Tel: +44 20 7802 4131 Mobile: +44 7990 527 726  
email: [Jonathan.H.Price@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Jonathan.H.Price@bhpbilliton.com)

Dean Simon  
Tel: +44 20 7802 7461 Mobile: +44 7717 511 193  
email: [Dean.Simon@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Dean.Simon@bhpbilliton.com)

#### **Americas**

James Agar  
Tel: +1 212 310 1421 Mobile: +1 347 882 3011  
email: [James.Agar@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:James.Agar@bhpbilliton.com)

Joseph Suarez  
Tel: +1 212 310 1422 Mobile: +1 646 400 3803  
email: [Joseph.Suarez@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:Joseph.Suarez@bhpbilliton.com)

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209  
Registered in England and Wales  
Registered Office: Neathouse Place  
London SW1V 1LH United Kingdom  
Tel +44 20 7802 4000 Fax +44 20 7802 4111