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Dr Anna Dacre
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Hi Anna

Sorry about the late response to your email this is a bit short and sweet as I have been a bit busy lately. Our company operates in the Hunter Valley we have 30 mines in our area which are underground and open cut mines the major players in our area are Rio Tinto/Coal & Allied, BHP Billiton and Xstrata they have all these Indigenous employment policies and procedures but they are rarely implemented properly.

Before any new mine is approved in this country or any new extension granted or any new development approved the Australian Government should develop and implement an Aboriginal Mining and Development Policy with, Procedures and Guidelines which covers each state and the whole of Australia which would include Aboriginal participation right from the start. This way all key players are involved and major developers are informed right from the start of the issues affecting the Aboriginal community, this then would make everyone accountable including the Aboriginal people. This could become legislation or policy within each state.

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