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SUMMIT SHOULD LEAD TO INFRASTRUCTURE BLUEPRINT

The business community and other stakeholders should use the SA Chamber of Mines and Energy's infrastructure summit this week to press for a comprehensive blueprint for future investment in power, water, roads, rail and ports, according to SACOME Chief Executive, Mr Phil Sutherland.

Mr Sutherland said the peak resources body was keen to generate tangible outcomes from the summit to be held on Friday (28 July).

"With more than 130 participants already registered, SACOME's summit will be able to identify the transport and other logistical bottlenecks that could strangle the State's growth," Mr Sutherland said today.

"The summit will provide the facts on which the Rann Government should produce an infrastructure blueprint for the State and give business the confidence that, after it has invested in new developments, we can get our products – from metals to manufactures – to market," he said.

"New infrastructure is vital if South Australia is to maximise its economic development and the State Government is to meet its Strategic Plan targets for growth, job creation and exports."

Workforce planning vital for future development

Mr Sutherland said another essential element for maximising development in the State was planning the provision of a highly skilled workforce.

"The future workforce and skills requirements, not just in the resources sector, will be the subject of a briefing being co-hosted by SACOME and the SA Government, also on Friday," Mr Sutherland said.

"We are very pleased at the State Government's positive engagement on workforce planning and the briefing will be opened by the Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, Mr Paul Caica," he said.

More than 120 industry, education and training, and State and Federal government representatives have registered for the briefing.

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Friday, 28 July 2006, 8.30 am.
Hilton Adelaide, Victoria Square

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