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JOBS EXPO COMES TO TOOWOOMBA

Opportunity will come knocking in Toowoomba month in February when a Bligh Government *Work for Queensland Expo* comes to town.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine is urging local jobseekers to register their interest in attending.

"Queensland is on the cusp of an extraordinary era of growth and prosperity in our resources sector – unlike anything we've ever seen before," Mr Shine said.

"That means jobs and I want residents to get their share of what's on offer.

"There will be a wide range of major resource companies represented at the Expo – including Thiess, Origin Energy, Downer EDI Mining, Skilled, WorkPac and a number of industry skills bodies.

"TAFE and Skilling Solutions Queensland will also be there, as well as representatives from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Department of Education and Training and the federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

"This is the place to be if you're interested in a job or a career in the mining resources sector," he said.

The Toowoomba Work for Queensland Expo will be held on

7 February, 2012

10am – 4pm

Clive Berghofer Events Centre

Toowoomba Showgrounds

Register your interest at www.skills.qld.gov.au or call 3836 0020.

Premier Anna Bligh said the resources industry offered a multitude of opportunities to Queenslanders both now and into the future.

"Last year we announced our Queensland Education Trust which is designed to use the wealth of the mining boom to boost the opportunities of our youngest Queenslanders into the future.

"But we also want to ensure that as many Queenslanders as possible are able to get on board now.

"The interest generated from the last Work For Queensland Expos was unprecedented, with more than 24,000 people – nearly enough to fill Skilled Park on the Gold Coast – attending Expos held at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Maryborough, Whitsundays and Cairns."

"Since then some 5,655 people have been referred to recruitment agencies by the resources companies and an additional 9,000 people approached Labour hire companies directly at the expos.

"Around 3,000 jobseekers also expressed interest in the Resources 101 basic mining skills courses, which the State Government has since expanded from 500 places to 1000.

"Now it's South East Queensland's turn and I'd encourage any interested Queenslanders to take advantage of this opportunity."

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