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Dear Mr Walsh

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Thank you for email of 16 July 2013 regarding the first International Mining Conference and Exhibition.

In the past decade, China has risen to become Australia's largest trading partner, most notably in resources and energy commodities. Organisations such as the Australian Mining Association and the China Mining Association are essential conduits between our two countries. By building new relationships and strengthening old ones, the economic ties between Australia and China will become more resilient to the benefit of both our economies.

I am delighted to hear that you intend to hold a conference in Australia in 2014 and I would welcome the opportunity to speak in support of the resources and energy relationship between Australia and China. If Minister Jiang Daming attends, I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with him during his stay.

Yours sincerely

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Gary Gray