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# TAX DEAL A WIN FOR US

## Gillard in Mackay today to discuss mining tax changes



Prime Minister Julia Gillard: I believe we've struck the right balance for Mackay... it offers generous arrangements to promote investment and jobs.



Mick Crowe, of G&S Engineering Services: This is a much more consultative approach, which translates directly to people having confidence in their jobs.



Narelle Pearse, of MAIN: Businesses dealing with the mining companies can have some kind of assurance that business will go on as usual.

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PRIME Minister Julia Gillard will visit Mackay today to discuss the ins and outs of an agreement on the controversial mining tax, which was announced yesterday.

A spokesman said Ms Gillard had made a point of ensuring she visited the mining region of Mackay as the first step after reaching agreement with mining giants BHP Billiton, Xstrata and Rio Tinto on how mining companies

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Yesterday's announcement is expected to provide job security for G&S Engineering Services boilermakers Aaron Honeyball, left, and John Lennig, working at Abbot Point Coal Terminal.

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