



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

Premier of NSW

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CORRUPT MINING LICENCES CANCELLED

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced Parliament has passed legislation to cancel the exploration licences for Doyles Creek, Mt Penny and Glendon Brook that were the subject of corruption findings by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

"The ICAC found these licences were tainted by corruption involving former Labor Ministers Ian Macdonald and Eddie Obeid," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The NSW Government has now acted to cancel these corrupt licences and right the wrong of the former Labor Government," he said.

"A line has now been drawn under Labor's dishonesty and the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has taken action to address these corrupt actions which shocked the State to ensure it can't happen again.

"The legislation requires all exploration data on the tenements to be provided to the NSW Government and provide that the licence holders will remain responsible for any necessary rehabilitation works on the sites."

Mr O'Farrell re-iterated there is no intention to immediately re-release the affected areas but any future process for issuing licences will be consistent with the NSW Government's implementation of the ICAC's recommendations on probity.