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Proto welcomes new chairman

IN PREPARATION for first production, the directors of Proto Resources and Investments have agreed former Federal Minister the Honourable Ian Campbell will take on the role of chairman of the company from September 1.

Mr Campbell has been an independent non-executive director of Proto since 2008, when he retired from Federal politics after a distinguished career spanning 17 years in the Australian Senate.



This included serving in the Cabinet as the Minister for the Environment and Heritage from 2004 and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer with responsibility for the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program from 1997.

Mr Campbell replaces Andrew Mortimer in the role of company chairman.

The move enables Mr Mortimer to continue as managing director, and focus more closely on achieving production at Barnes Hill nickel-cobalt-iron-magnesium joint venture, where first shipments are planned for early 2013 and where the equipment supplier and finance arranger have recently been selected.