
**Speech given by Mrs Rinehart at the 2015 McMillan Woods Global Awards where she was presented with the “Philanthropist of the Year Award”
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I am honoured to receive this prestigious international award – acknowledging our vision and beliefs.

Hancock Prospecting is a wholly-Australian company that creates jobs for tens of thousands of people and business across my nation and the region.

We employ people in remote and rugged areas where there might not otherwise be work.

We engage many companies across Australia and Asia, creating many tens of thousands of jobs away from our site in related industries.

Hancock Prospecting is expanding at a time when many other mining companies are winding back.

Our Roy Hill mine will be one of the largest in the region. We start exporting later this year.

Roy Hill has become a symbol of hope for an industry under pressure. It is a mega project of national and regional significance.

One thing we are quietly proud of, is our ability to help Australians beyond the mining industry.

This year we committed to the largest charitable donation in Australian history – to build a specialised cancer hospital for the people of Northern Australia, based in Darwin.

Those who work in the challenging north of our country, with its great potential, need world class health facilities too. That is our ambition.

Today, our Roy Hill project in outback West Australia is directly employing 7000 people who are working ahead of schedule and redefining what an Australian workforce can achieve.

Roy Hill is one of the largest engineering efforts happening anywhere in the country.

I think we all know Australia to be a sporting nation ... and Hancock Prospecting, through our charitable foundation, has been a long-time supporter of Swimming at the highest level – investing in the Australian Swimming team which gives us so many impressive and motivated young leaders - and champions that help build national pride.

I humbled and appreciate this international acknowledgement tonight and pay tribute to the values of McMillan Woods – “responsible, sustainable, and successful free enterprise”.

May there be more of it. Thank you!