Chief Minister Paul Henderson today welcomed the announcement that the Federal Government and the Mining Industry have reached agreement on the basic structure of minerals taxation.

"Since the start of this debate, I have called for cool heads and for both parties to sit down in a room and work out a resolution."

"The Northern Territory is the only jurisdiction in Australia that currently has a profits-based royalty regime."

"Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced that there will be a negotiated profit based tax but there would be no resources super profits tax."

There will also be a new Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) regime applying to iron ore and coal in Australia; and

The current Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) regime will also be extend to all Australian onshore and offshore oil and gas projects, including the North West Shelf.

"The mining industry has continually said they want a profit based tax and I am glad that that both parties have reached agreement as opposed to shouting at each other through the media."

"This issue in the Territory is not as great as in the rest of Australia because we've already got a profits-based royalty regime here."

"Ours has been in place since 1982 and certainly the only mining companies that pay a tax in the Northern Territory at all are the ones that are actually making a profit."

"The Prime Ministers announcement provides certainly for the mining and resources sector for investment into the future, it works in the Northern Territory and it can work nationally," Mr Henderson said.

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