

## WA:Aquila

PERTH, July 2 AAP - **Aquila Resources Ltd** says the new resources tax deal is a step in the right direction but smaller mining companies should have been included in the negotiations.

Aquila executive chairman Tony Poli said on Friday that he and his staff were still considering the details of the new package and how it would affect the company.

"We are a little disappointed that companies the size of Aquila were not invited to participate in the consultation process.

"There should have been a broader cross-section of the mining industry represented," Mr Poli told AAP. But he said the new deal announced on Friday was clearly a step in the right direction.

"It's a welcome change to the first draft."

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