

# New Head of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability

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Key appointment as Barton moves toward development and operations

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Appointment of Ms Sylvia Rapo as Barton's new Head of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability
- ~25 years' South Australian experience in corporate affairs, communications, government relations, media management and sustainability, including with JBS&G, BAE Systems Australia, ElectraNet, Beach Energy, and the Office of the Premier and Department for Environment & Natural Resources

ADELAIDE, May 3, 2026 - [Barton Gold Holdings Ltd.](#) (ASX:BGD)(OTCQB:BGDFF)(FRA:BGD3) (Barton or Company) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Sylvia Rapo as Head of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, effective today.

Sylvia is a corporate affairs executive with over 25 years' experience in corporate communications, government relations and sustainability. She has worked in media, the South Australian Government and across resources, defence and energy industries. Sylvia joins Barton as it accelerates studies for the development of South Australia's largest independent precious metals producer, focused on the State's renowned Gawler Craton.

Sylvia's experience includes senior roles in both the public and private sectors. She was recently an Executive Director for leading environmental consultancy JBS&G where she led its corporate affairs business Consentium. Previously, she was Head of Communications for BAE Systems Australia's Hunter Class Frigate Program, Manager of External Relations for ElectraNet, and Manager of Government and Corporate Affairs for Beach Energy (ASX:BPT), all prominent South Australian enterprises.

In the public sector, Sylvia has been Media Advisor to numerous South Australian Ministers including a former Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Defence Minister, and held media management, strategy and risk management positions in the Department for Environment and Natural Resources. She has also been a reporter for Nine News and Seven News.

Sylvia has previously held board directorships at JBS&G and the Motor Accident Commission, and was Chair of the Board for The Big Zero. She is currently an Executive Member of the Government Communications Advisory Committee for the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and a Board Member of Zoos South Australia.

Based in Adelaide, Sylvia will lead Barton's government, public and investor relations, stakeholder engagement, and sustainability strategies as it works to develop the State's largest independent precious metals producer.

Commenting on Ms. Rapo's appointment, Barton MD Alexander Scanlon said:

"Tunkillia's Optimised Scoping Study highlights a project that, in operation today, would generate nearly \$1 billion in revenue and \$30 million in State royalties, every year, in South Australia. Together with our Challenger, Tarcoola, and Wudinna Gold Projects, and our new Tolmer Silver discovery, our long-term objectives for the State are even greater.

"As a leading investor in South Australia, we aim to develop the State's largest independent precious metals producer, to be a major contributor to the State's economy, and to create opportunity for the communities in which we operate.

"Sylvia joins our leadership ranks as we enter an exciting new phase for the Company. During 2026 we will continue building out the team that will deliver our vision for the State. We are therefore pleased to welcome another highly experienced South Australian who shares Barton's ambition to make a significant, long-term contribution to the State.

Authorised by the Managing Director of Barton Gold Holdings Limited.

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#### About Barton Gold

Barton Gold is an ASX, OTCQB and Frankfurt Stock Exchange listed Australian gold developer targeting future gold production of 150,000ozpa with 2.2Moz Au & 3.1Moz Ag JORC Mineral Resources (79.9Mt @ 0.87g/t Au), brownfield mines, and 100% ownership of the region's only gold mill in the renowned Gawler Craton of South Australia.\*

#### Challenger Gold Project

- 313koz Au + fully permitted Central Gawler Mill (CGM)

#### Tarcoola Gold Project

- 20koz Au in fully permitted open pit mine near CGM
- Tolmer discovery grades up to 84g/t Au & 17,600g/t Ag

#### Tunkillia Gold Project

- 1.6Moz Au & 3.1Moz Ag JORC Mineral Resources
- Competitive 120kozpa gold & 250kozpa silver project

#### Wudinna Gold Project

- 279koz Au project located southeast of Tunkillia
- Significant optionality, adjacent to main highway

#### Competent Persons Statement & Previously Reported Information

The information in this announcement that relates to the historic Exploration Results and Mineral Resources as listed in the table below is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by the Competent Person whose name appears in the same row, who is an employee of or independent consultant to the Company and is a Member or Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM), Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) or a Recognised Professional Organisation (RPO). Each person named in the table below has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he has undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code 2012 (JORC).

| Activity  | Competent Person               | Membership   | Status          |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Tarcoola Mineral Resource (Stockpiles)            | Dr Andrew Fowler (Consultant)  | AusIMM       | Member          |
| Tarcoola Mineral Resource (Perseverance Mine)     | Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)     | AusIMM       | Fellow          |
| Tarcoola Exploration Results (until 15 Nov 2021)  | Mr Colin Skidmore (Consultant) | AIG          | Member          |
| Tarcoola Exploration Results (after 15 Nov 2021)  | Mr Marc Twining (Employee)     | AusIMM       | Member          |
| Tunkillia Exploration Results (until 15 Nov 2021) | Mr Colin Skidmore (Consultant) | AIG          | Member          |
| Tunkillia Exploration Results (after 15 Nov 2021) | Mr Marc Twining (Employee)     | AusIMM       | Member          |
| Tunkillia Mineral Resource                        | Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)     | AusIMM       | Fellow          |
| Challenger Mineral Resource (above 215mRL)        | Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)     | AusIMM       | Fellow          |
| Challenger Mineral Resource (below 90mRL)         | Mr Dale Sims                   | AusIMM / AIG | Fellow / Member |
| Wudinna Mineral Resource (Clarke Deposit)         | Ms Justine Tracey              | AusIMM       | Member          |
| Wudinna Mineral Resource (all other Deposits)     | Mrs Christine Standing         | AusIMM / AIG | Member / Member |

The information relating to historic Exploration Results and Mineral Resources in this announcement is extracted from the Company's Prospectus dated 14 May 2021 or as otherwise noted, available from the Company's website at [www.bartongold.com.au](http://www.bartongold.com.au) or on the ASX website [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Exploration Results and Mineral Resource information included in previous announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates, and any production targets and forecast financial information derived from the production targets, continue to apply and have not materially changed. In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.19.2, the Company further confirms that the material assumptions underpinning any production targets and the forecast financial information derived therefrom continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the applicable Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the previous announcements.

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\*Refer to Barton Prospectus dated 14 May 2021 and ASX announcement dated 8 September 2025. Total Barton JORC (2012) Mineral Resources include 1,049koz Au (39.7Mt @ 0.82 g/t Au) in Indicated category and 1,186koz Au (40.2Mt @ 0.92 g/t Au) in Inferred category, and 3,070koz Ag (34.5Mt @ 2.80 g/t Ag) in Inferred category as a subset of Tunkillia gold JORC (2012) Mineral Resources.

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