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## Dick Smith visits Haoma's mine at Marble Bar

**Gary Morgan, Executive Chairman Haoma Mining:** *"We congratulate the iconic Australian entrepreneur Dick Smith on being awarded an Order of Australia earlier this week as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List.*

*"On May 15 Smith took the time to visit the Haoma Comet Gold Mine at Marble Bar. Haoma Manager Peter Cole provided Smith and his wife Pip and friends with a guided tour of the mine, tourist facilities and historic Marble Bar."*

**Dick Smith:** *"What a wonderful day we had at Marble Bar last Friday. Peter Cole did a wonderful job and it has certainly been the highlight of our trip. All the best and thanks again for making these arrangements for us."*

**Gary Morgan:** *"The Directors of Haoma agree with Smith giving high praise to Australia's richest woman, Gina Rinehart, for the investment she's undertaken with her Roy Hill iron ore mine – Smith described it as 'equivalent to 10 Snowy Mountains Schemes' and said he had 'never seen anything like it in his life' as reported in The Age & Sydney Morning Herald today.*

*"Smith also asserted that Australia needed investors like Rinehart and Fortescue Chairman Andrew Forrest to continue driving the Australian economy forward as we are kidding ourselves if we think industries like manufacturing are driving Australian prosperity at the moment."*

**The Age: [Rinehart's \\$10bn Roy Hill dream 'equivalent of ten Snowy Mountain schemes': Dick Smith \(June 11, 2015\)](#)**

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**Comet Gold Mine Plant from Tourist Centre**

## Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2006 – 2015)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2013 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The **Morgan Poll** was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2013 Federal Election](#) for the two-party preferred vote (L-NP: 53.5% cf. ALP 46.5%) (sample 4,937 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2007 Federal Election](#) for both primary vote and two-party preferred predictions (sample 2,115 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Queensland Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 604 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Victorian Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 956 electors). The **Morgan Poll** was also the most accurate on the primary vote of the major parties for the Victorian election.

**Note:** The [discussion on Possum Pollytics](#) regarding Morgan and Newspoll is well worth reading.

The following included comment says it all: “I find it interesting that for the only poll in the last five years for which there is any ‘real’ figure with which to compare, i.e. the polls immediately before the 2004 election, Morgan (45.5%) was closer to the actual Coalition Primary (46.7%) than Newspoll (45%) or Nielsen (49%), and Morgan (38.5%) was also closer to the ALP actual primary (37.6%) than Newspoll (39%), and only marginally further away than Nielsen (37%). Since we have no idea of how far away the ongoing polls are from ‘reality’ (whatever that means), surely we should just go with what we know, that in the most recent testable case, Morgan was better at forecasting the actual primary vote than Newspoll. On what possible basis should we decide that the Newspoll or Nielsen primary vote estimate is ‘better’ than Morgan’s.”

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