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Fresh bread claim Supermarket giant Coles is facing more than \$3 million in fines for misleading customers over the freshness of its bread. The Federal Court agreed with the consumer watchdog that Coles falsely advertised precooked bread as freshly baked. Bread advertised as "fresh, baked today and sold today" included one product from Ireland first baked months earlier.

Takeover rejected Mining contractor Mineral Resources has failed in a bid to take control of iron ore explorer Aquila Resources. Mineral Resources bought a near 13 per cent stake in Aquila Resources last week.

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Aquila is already the target of a \$1.4 **billion** cash takeover bid from **Chinese** steelmaker Baosteel and rail operator Aurizon.

Aguila said yesterday it had rejected Mineral Resources' takeover offer.

Newcrest fined Australia's largest **gold** miner Newcrest **Mining** has been fined \$1.2 **million** by the corporate regulator over its 2013 mass writedowns.

The action relates to a series of broker downgrades before the **company** announced a series of job cuts, production downgrades and \$6 **billion** in impairments.

Economy to slow There is further evidence the Australian economy will slow later this year, due to falling commodity prices, a high dollar and weak consumer confidence. The Westpac/Melbourne Institute Leading Index, which indicates the likely pace of economic activity three to nine months into the future, rose in May but remains at a level low enough to indicate a below-trend rate of economic growth this year.

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