SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 24, 2011

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

 $(Translation\ of\ registrant's\ name\ into\ English)$

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Company Secretariat 24 March 2011

Australian Securities Exchange 530 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 AUSTRALIA

Appointment of Company Secretary Resignation of Company Secretary

We advise that Libby Joyner was appointed as Deputy Secretary of BHP Billiton Limited on Thursday, 24 March 2011.

Ms Joyner will work in the Group Secretariat. She will report to Jane McAloon, Group Company Secretary of BHP Billiton, and will be based in Melbourne.

Ms Joyner's appointment co-incides with the resignation of Fiona Smith from the position of Deputy Secretary of BHP Billiton Limited on the same date.

Jane McAloon Group Company Secretary

Date: March 24, 2011

A member of the BHP Billiton Group, which is headquartered in Australia Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia ABN 49 004 028 077

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: <u>/s/ Jane McAloon</u>
Name: Jane McAloon

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Title:

Group Company Secretary