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# Australian Government support for critical minerals

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### The Future Made in Australia

# \$22.7 billion over 10 years



Renewable hydrogen

**Green metals** 

Low carbon liquid fuels

Critical minerals processing

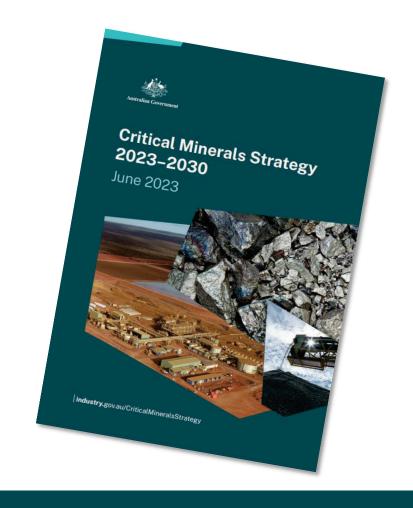
Clean energy manufacturing

# Critical Minerals Office (CMO)

CMO is the Australian Government's **central coordination point for critical minerals**. The CMO:

- Provides national policy and strategic advice
- Facilitates international partnerships
- Facilitates services to develop the sector

CMO oversees the **Critical Minerals Strategy 2023–2030**, which sets out government priorities across six focus areas, which aim to:









Attract investment and build international partnerships



Support First Nations engagement and benefit sharing



Promote Australia as a world leader in ESG performance



Unlock investment in enabling infrastructure and services



Grow a skilled workforce

# Unprecedented Australian Government support for critical minerals

- \$7b Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive
- \$7b Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility
- \$15b National Reconstruction Fund
  - \$3b Renewables and low-emissions technologies
  - \$1b Advanced manufacturing
  - \$1b Value-adding in resources

- \$4b Critical Minerals Facility
  - +\$1b Strategic Reserve
- \$50m Critical Minerals Development Program
- \$40m International Partnerships in Critical Minerals
- \$50m Critical Minerals R&D Hub
- \$3.4b Resourcing Australia's Prosperity initiative over 35 years
  - \$566.1m over first 10 years







# Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

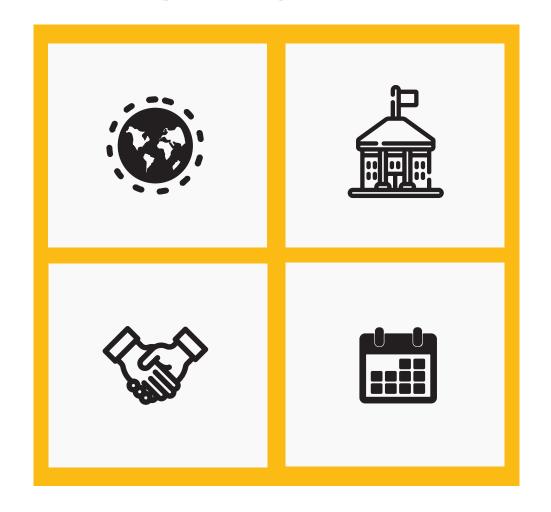


DFAT promotes and protects Australia's international interests to support our security and prosperity.

DFAT government-to-government engagement advances the goals of the Critical Minerals Strategy to create **diverse and secure global supply chains** for critical minerals and attracts international investment.

DFAT works closely with the CMO and Austrade to build bilateral and multilateral partnerships that enable commercial linkages.

Australia's diplomatic missions are working to **showcase Australia's critical mineral industry** to international partners.



## **Export Finance Australia**



### **Commercial Account**

Loans, bonds, guarantees and insurance.

Approvals in place for high purity alumina, lithium and rare earths.

Decisions under the Commercial Account are the responsibility of the EFA Board and Management.

### **Critical Minerals Facility**

Export Finance Australia (EFA) administers the Australian Government's \$4 billion Critical Minerals Facility (CMF). The Government has announced they will increase this to \$5 billion. Loans, bonds, guarantees, insurance and equity.

Decisions to provide finance under the CMF are made by the Australian Government.

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### When assessing a critical minerals project, EFA considers:

- Alignment with Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy.
- A comprehensive feasibility study must be completed.
- Buyer commitment to purchase the projects production.
- Use of proven processing technology.
- Proponents with financial, technical and commercial capacity.

### **National Reconstruction Fund**

- The National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) is a \$15 billion fund established by the government to diversify and transform Australia's industry and economy.
- The NRF can provide finance in the form of debt, equity and guarantees.
- NRF invests across 7 priority sectors of the Australian economy including Value-add in Resources.
- This sector includes the processing and refining of critical and strategic minerals, as well as mining technology and equipment.
- NRF is focused on investing in globally competitive projects to maintain and grow Australia's role as a reliable and sustainable source of critical minerals.

### **NRF's Investments – Critical Minerals**



#### **Arafura Rare Earths**

\$200m Convertible Note Nolans Rare Earths Project, Northern Territory

Supply chain resilience for critical minerals in the net zero transition

#### **Liontown Resources**

\$50m Equity

<sup>L</sup>iontown

Kathleen Valley Lithium Project, Western Australia

Sovereign capability in the battery materials value chain

### Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund







The leading financier for northern Australia

\$7B

Available funds for infrastructure projects



Focus on economic impact: jobs, procurement, public benefit & Indigenous outcomes

# Investing for impact in northern Australia



Higher risk appetite for risks related to northern

2016

Commonwealth
Government Special
Investment Vehicle



Invest in the development or enhancement of infrastructure projects



Can invest in any sector or industry



Provide concessional finance

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# Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

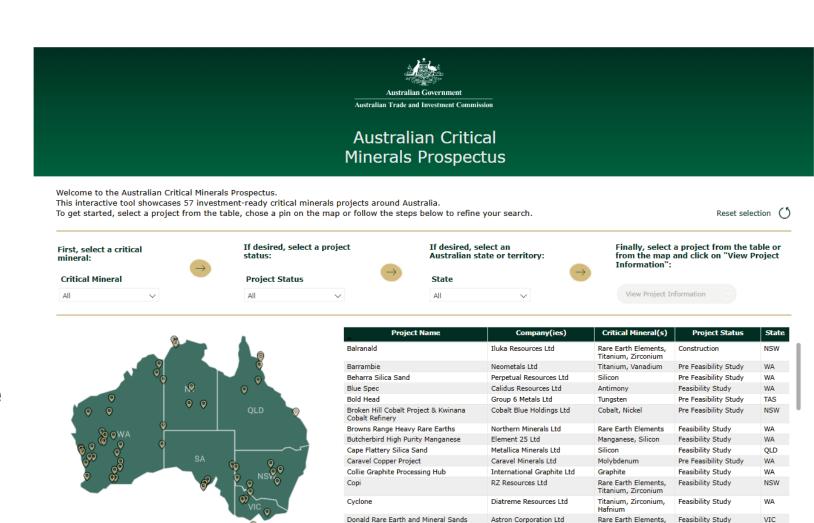
Austrade accelerates the growth of exporters, attracts foreign investors and stimulates the visitor economy.

The Australian Critical Minerals
Prospectus showcases 55+
investment-ready projects across
Australia.

### **Japan Office**

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Dubbo Project

Eneabba Refinen

Titanium, Zirconium

Rare Farth Flements

Rare Earth Elements.

Titanium, Zirconium

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Australian Strategic Materials

Iluka Resources Ltd



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# Australian Government action to secure and grow critical mineral supply chains

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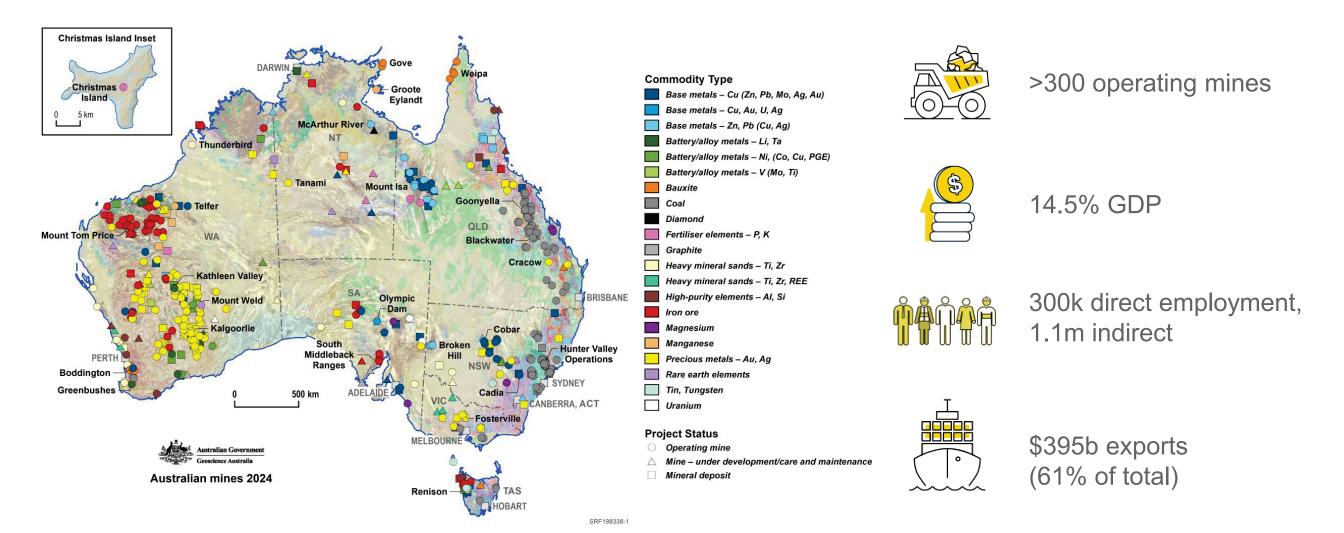
### **Australia Minerals**



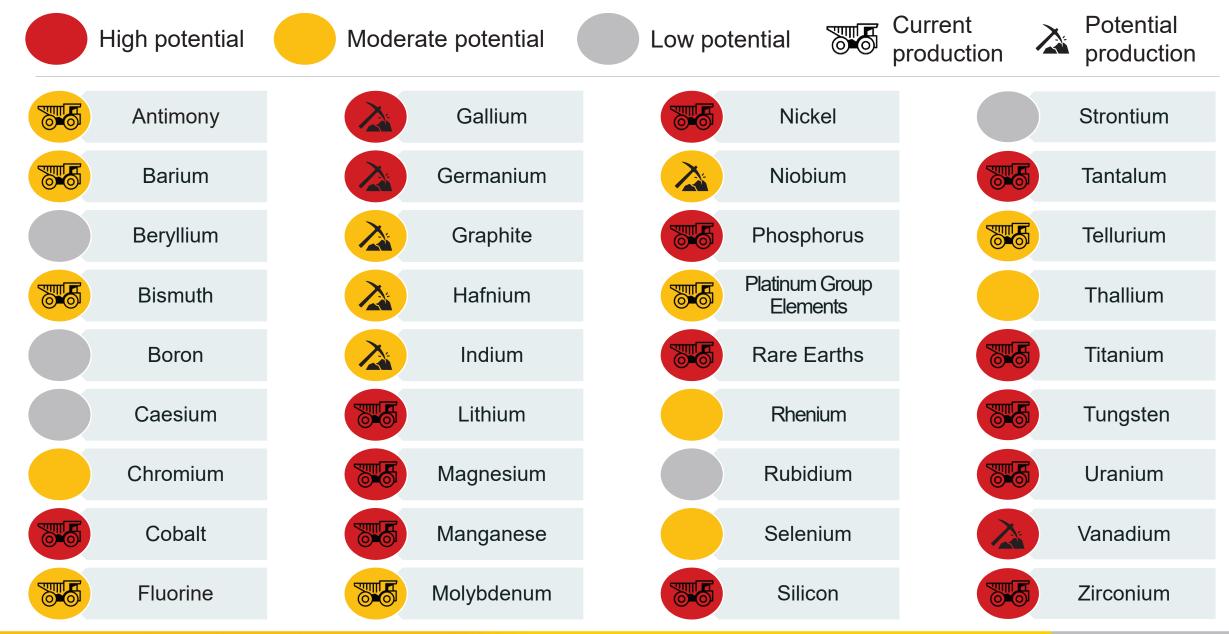
- Australia's eight geological surveys working together to attract investment into Australia's minerals sector
- Trade, investment and technical specialists who can connect you with the right people and projects
- Building on Australia's reputation for successful mineral discovery and mining

www.australiaminerals.gov.au

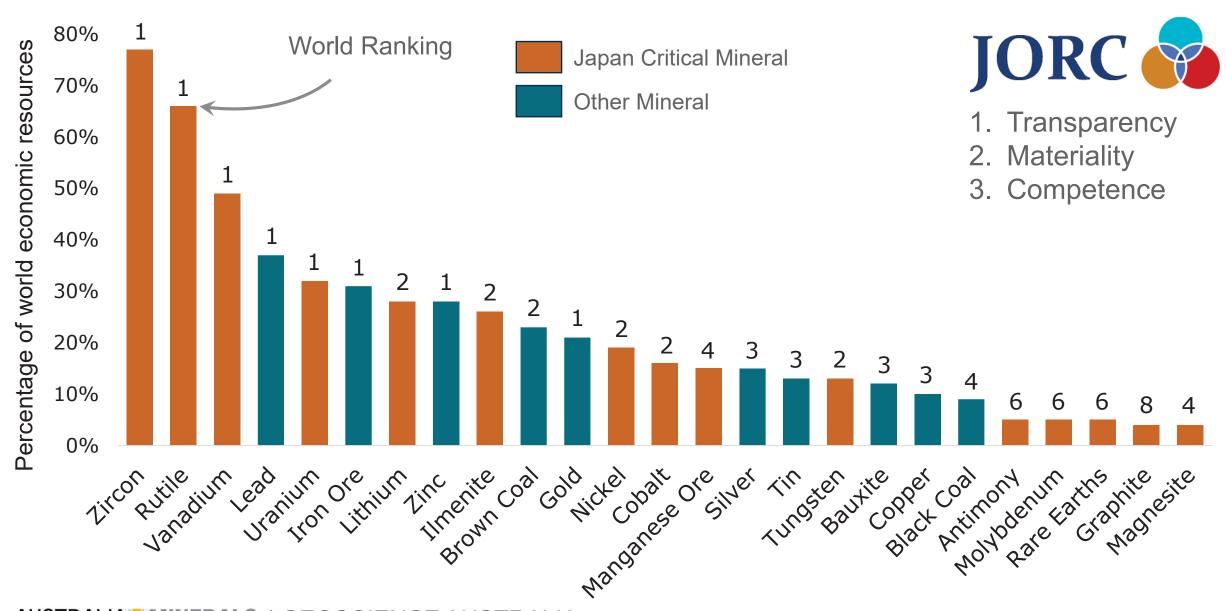
# Australia's mining industry 2024



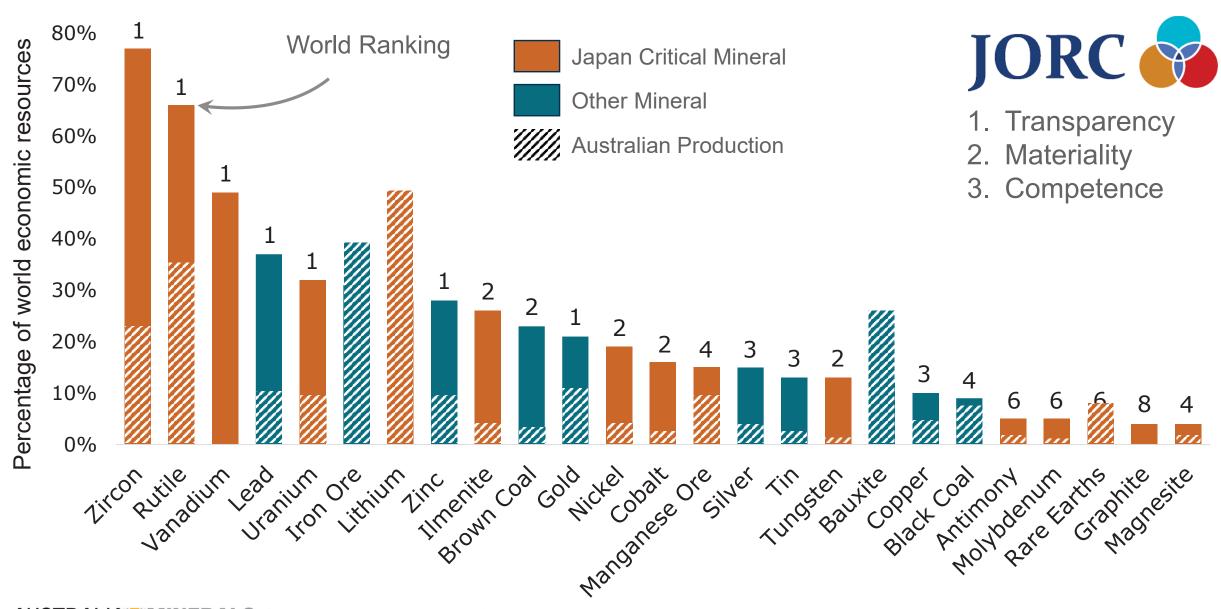
# Japan's Critical Minerals List: what Australia can supply



### Australia's mineral resources wealth



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# Australia Minerals – strong government support for resources



- Resourcing Australia's Prosperity
- Critical Minerals Research & Development Hub



- New Frontiers Exploration Program
- Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Activation Fund



- Resourcing the Territory
- Exploration Grants



**Queensland Government**Australia

- Collaborative Exploration Initiative
- Collaborative Development Program
- Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan
  - Critical Minerals Strategy
- Critical Minerals Queensland Office



- MinEx CRC National Drilling Initiative
- Sedimentary Copper Mineral Systems



- Supporting Tasmania's Mining, Exploration and Quarrying Sector
- Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative
- Geoscience Initiative



- State of Discovery—minerals strategy
- Victorian initiatives & projects
- Developing Victoria's Critical Minerals Program



Department of Mines,
Petroleum and Exploration

- Exploration Incentive Scheme
- Geoscience Data Transformation Program
- WA Array

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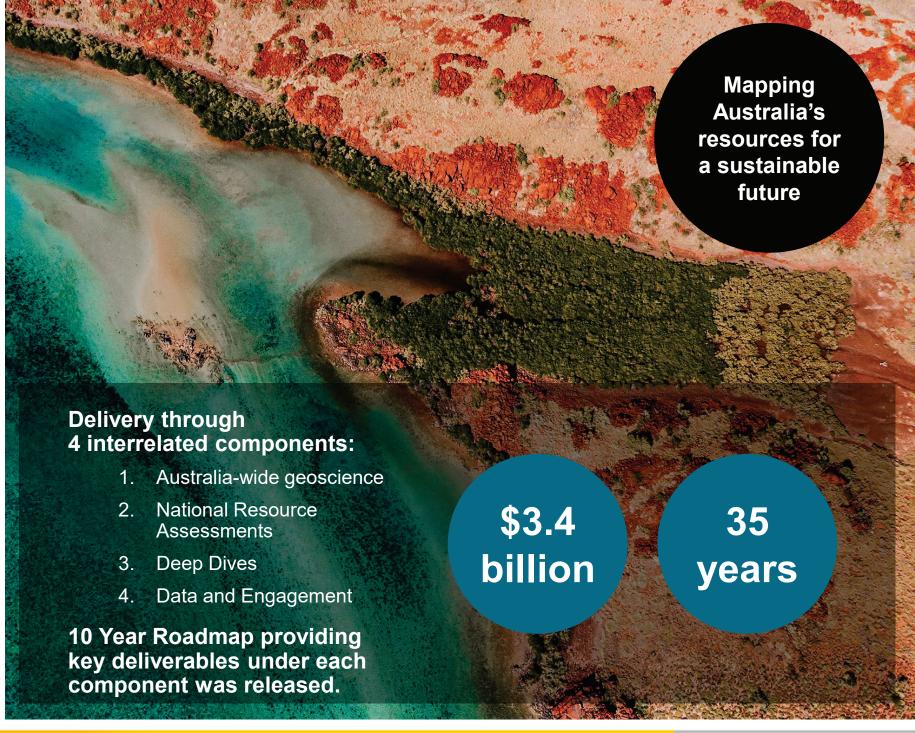




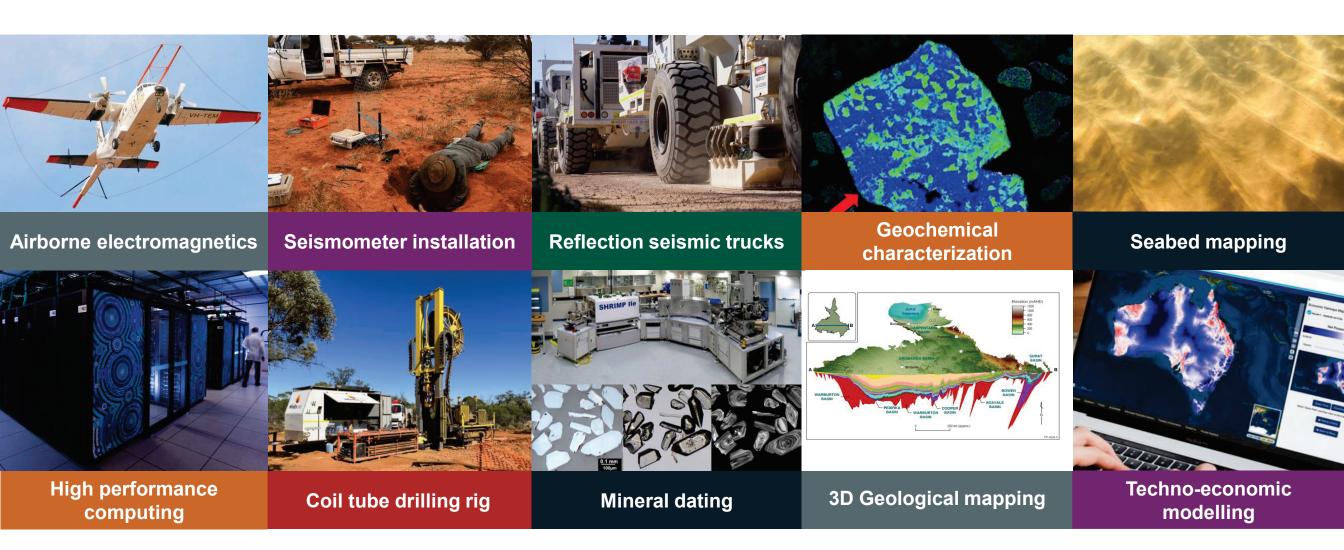


# Resourcing Australia's Prosperity





# Some examples of the things we are doing



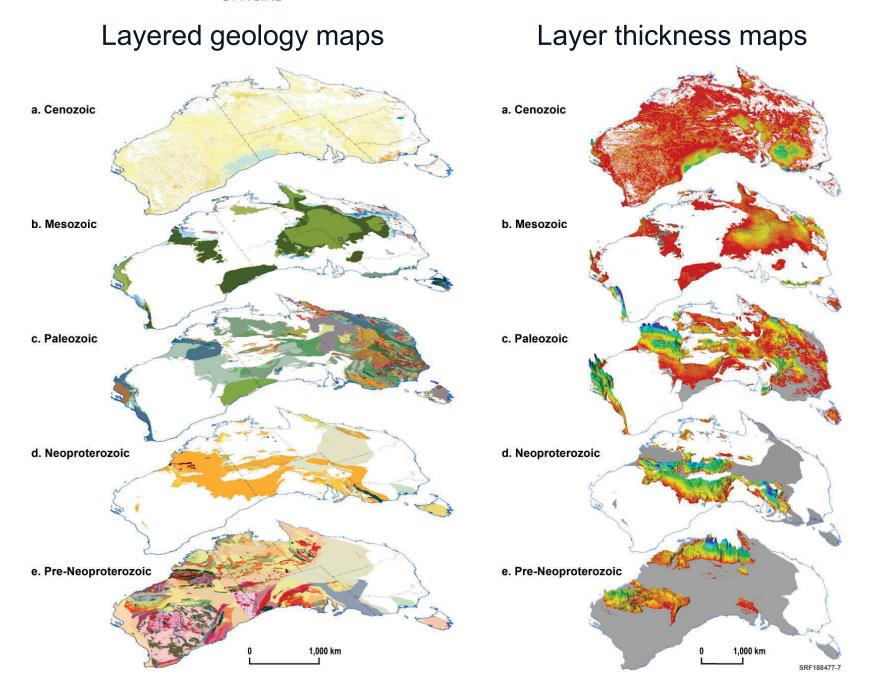
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# Australia-wide geoscience data

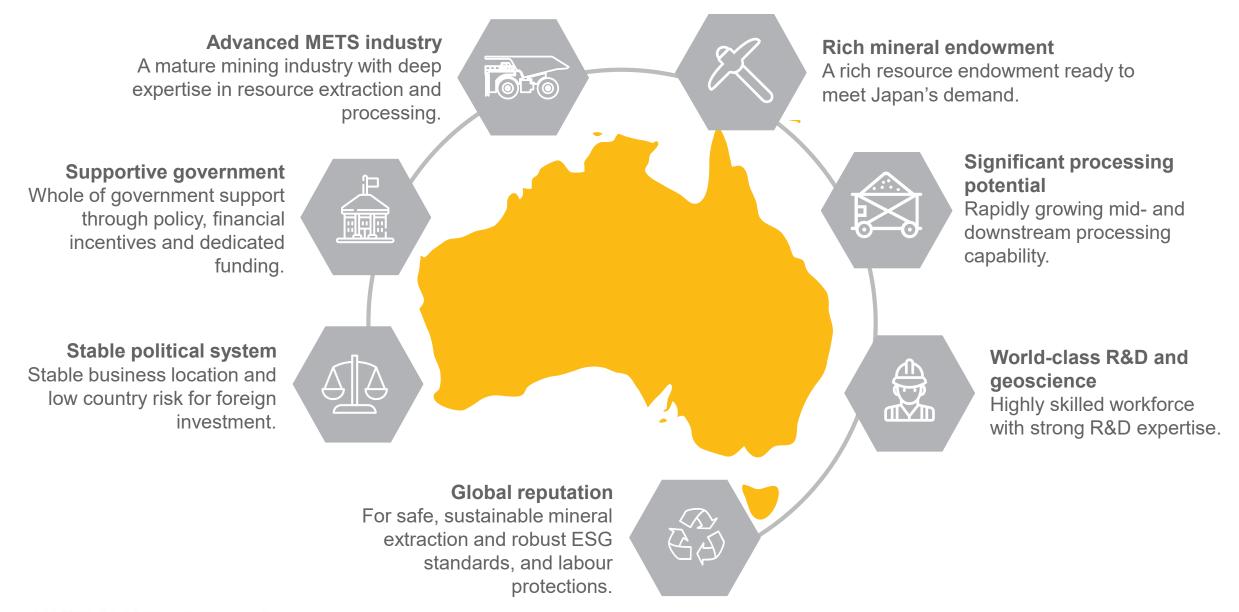
# World-first layered geology of a continent

- 7,600 individual geological units mapped
- Layer thickness maps to support development of new national 3D geology model

Sanchez et al., 2024 dx.doi.org/10.26186/149391 Rollet et al., 2024 dx.doi.org/10.26186/149418



# A world leading mining destination



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### **Further information**



Data Discovery Portal portal.ga.gov.au



### Websites

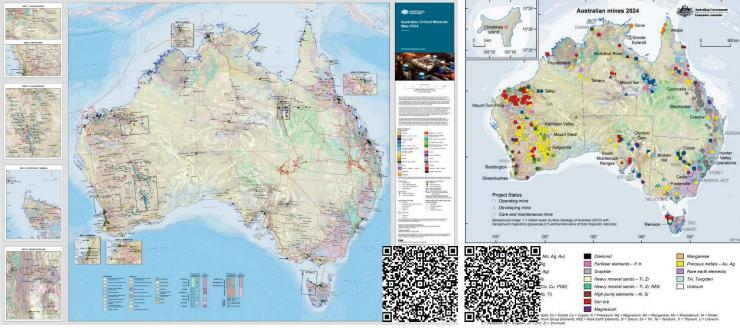
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# New South Wales Mining investment opportunities

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### **NSW** outline

State capital: Sydney

Population: 8.5 million

Land: 800,000 km<sup>2</sup>

GST: approx. A\$700 billion\*

\*More than 30% of AUS GDP

Main industry: energy, mining, banking, etc.

Annual export: A\$96 billion

Annual import: A\$164 billion\*

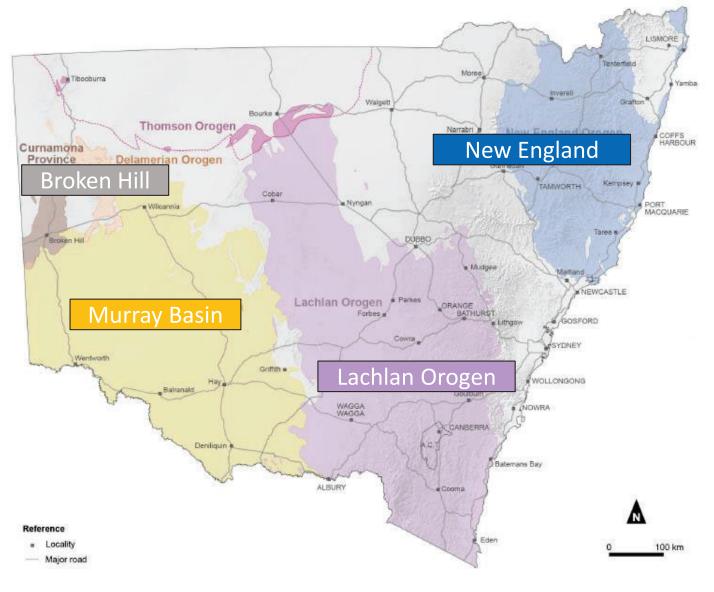
\*Japan is the largest trading partner for NSW

The state's credit rating: AAA (Moody's)



Biggest population & economy in Australia

### Mining regions in NSW



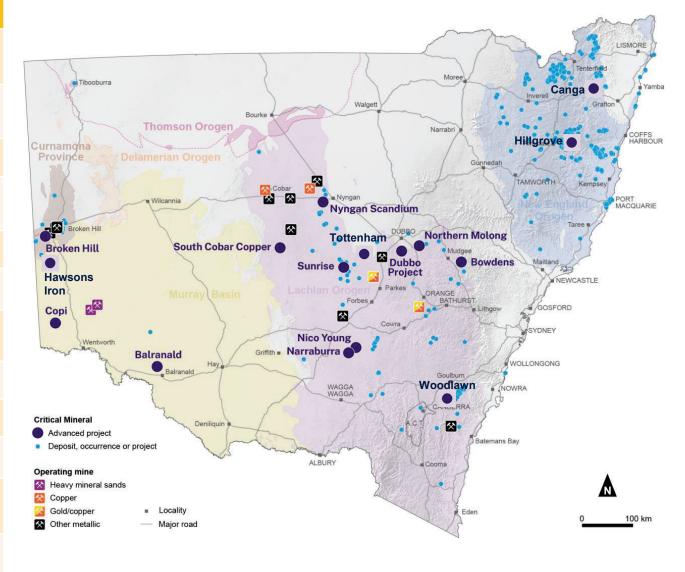
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England	Orogen	Basin	Hill
Cobalt Antimony Scandium Tungsten Indium PGE High-purity Alumina Coal	Nickel Cobalt Rare earth Copper Gold Silver Lead Zinc Molybdenum Niobium Hafnium Indium Bismuth Magnesium PGE Scandium Tantalum Tungsten Zirconium Alumina	Rare earth Titanium Zirconium	Cobalt Tungsten PGE Silver Lead Zinc

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# Critical minerals/high-tech metals projects

Project	Company	Stage	Minerals				
Dubbo	Australian Strategic Materials	Development approved	REE, Zr, Nb, Hf, Ta				
Copi	RZ Resources	FS	REE, Ti, Zr				
Narraburra	Godolphin Resources	Advanced exploration	REE				
Balranald	Iluka Resources	Development approved	REE, Ti, Zr				
Sunrise Battery Materials	Sunrise Energy Metals	Development approved	<u>Ni, Co</u> , Sc				
Broken Hill Cobalt	Cobalt Blue	FS	<u>Co.</u> S				
NiCo Young	Legacy Minerals	Advanced exploration	Ni, Co				
South Cobar Copper	Peel Mining	FS	<u>Cu</u> , Au, Zn, Pb, Ag				
Tottenham Copper-Gold	Locksley Resources	Advanced exploration	<u>Cu</u> , Au, Ag				
Cangai Copper	Infinity Mining	Advanced exploration	<u>Cu</u> , Au, Zn, Ag				
Hillgrove	Larvotto Resources	Commence production (Q2 2026)	<b>Sb</b> , Au				
Hawsons Iron	Hawsons Iron	FS	Magnetite				



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### Mine starts / re-starts

# **Endeavor Mine** Company: Polymetals Resources Location: Cobar Commodities: Ag, Zn, Pb **Status:** Operational (H1 2025) **Federation Mine Company:** Aurelia Metals **Location:** Nymagee Commodities: Zn, Pb, Au, Cu, Ag Status: Operational (H2 2024) Mineral Hill Mine

Company: Kingston Resources

Location: Condobolin Commodities: Au. Cu

Status: Operational (H2 2024)

# **Lightning Ridge** Coffs Harbour Tamworth Broken Hill Oubbo Orange Sydney Mildur Goulburn Albury

### Hillgrove Gold-Antimony Mine

Company: Larvotto Resources

Location: Armidale Commodities: Sb, Au

Status: C&M.

First ore production expected Q2 2026

#### **Reward Gold Mine**

**Company:** Vertex Minerals

Location: Mudgee Commodities: Au

Status: operational (H1 2025)

### **Challenger Gold Mine**

**Company:** Great Divide Mining / Adelong Gold (JV)

Location: Adelong Commodities: Au

Status: Operational (H1 2025)

### **Woodlawn Zinc-Copper Mine**

Company: DEVELOP Global

Location: Goulburn Commodities: Zn. Cu

Status: Operational (H1 2025)

# Project list – 1

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Dubbo	Australian Strategic Materials	ASM	Construction planned Seeking finance & offtake	New project Approved Development					© 0.14% Y2O3 0.74% TREO				O 1.89% (ZrO2)		0.04% (HfO2) 0.03% (Ta2O5) 0.44% (NbO5)	75.18Mt
Copi Mineral Sands	RZ Resources	Not Listed	Proceed approvals FS	New project									⊚ 0. 2%	Ilmenite 0.63% Rutile 0.21%	Monazite 0.01% Xenotime 0.0002% Leucoxene 0.11%	3,000Mt
Narraburra REE	Godolphin Resources	GRL	FS	Advanced exploration					⊚ 739 ppm TREO							94.9Mt
Balranald Mineral Sands	Iluka Resources	ILU	Construction started	New project Approved Development									<b>9</b> 11%	HM 31.2% Ilmenite 63% Rutile 12%	Monozite Xenotime 0.9% (conbined)	54Mt
Sunrise Battery Materials	Sunrise Energy Metals	SRL	Construction planned Seeking finance & offtake	New project Approved Development			<b>⊚</b> 0.59%	O 0.13%								101Mt
Broken Hill Cobalt	Cobalt Blue	СОВ	Seeking finance & offtake FS	New project			134 ppm	© 690 ppm							S 7.5%	126.5Mt

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NiCo Young	Legacy Minerals	LGM	FS	Advanced exploration			⊚ 0.59%	O 0.06%								167.8Mt
South Cobar Copper: - Mallee Bull - Wirlong	Peel Mining	PEX	FS Seeking finance & offtake	Advanced exploration	O 0.22g/t	<b>⊚</b> 1.85%				O  8g/t	O 0.10%	O 0.12%				10.64Mt
Tottenham Copper-Gold	Locksley Resources Limited	LKY	Reserves development	Advanced exploration	<b>⊚</b> 0.22g/t	<b>⊚</b> 0.72%				O 2g/t						9.86Mt
Cangai Copper	Infinity Mining	IMI	FS	Advanced exploration		© 2.45%										4.6Mt
Hillgrove Gold- Antimony	Larvotto Resourced	LRV	Resume operation Q2 2026 Under C&M	Development operation resume	<b>⊚</b> 4.4g/t										© Sb 1.3%	7.264Mt
Hawsons Iron	Hawsons Iron	НЮ	FS	New project								-			Fe (Magnetite) DTR 11.4% Fe Conc 68.4%	4,415Mt

## **NSW Critical Minerals Strategy**

https://www.nsw.gov .au/sites/default/files/ /noindex/2024-10/nsw-criticalminerals-and-hightech-metalsstrategy-2024-35.pdf

The 5 pillars below support the NSW critical minerals industry



# Encourage exploration

- Co-invest in exploration
- Deliver pre-exploration data acquisition programs



# Incentivise production

- A\$250 million royalty deferral scheme for critical minerals projects that start production between July 2025 and June 2030 (First 5 years)
- · Approval support, maintain Rapid Assessment Framework (RAF)



# Supply chain development

- Collaborate with ANSTO to investigate the potential for processing rare earth elements in NSW
- Promote reuse of mine tailings

### **Develop skilled workforce**



- Encourage young people to consider future careers in critical minerals
- Develop a skills plan for the critical minerals sector

### **Engage communities**



- Increase awareness of mining to foster stronger community engagement
- · Ensure regional plans are aligned with the mining strategy

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### **NSW** Government support

- Mine development proposals must obtain approval under NSW legislation\* before a mining lease can be granted to mine for mineral and coal resources in NSW
- All mine-related impacts need to be considered economic, environmental, social, cultural
- Community consultation, including engagement with relevant Aboriginal/Indigenous groups is essential during the assessment process

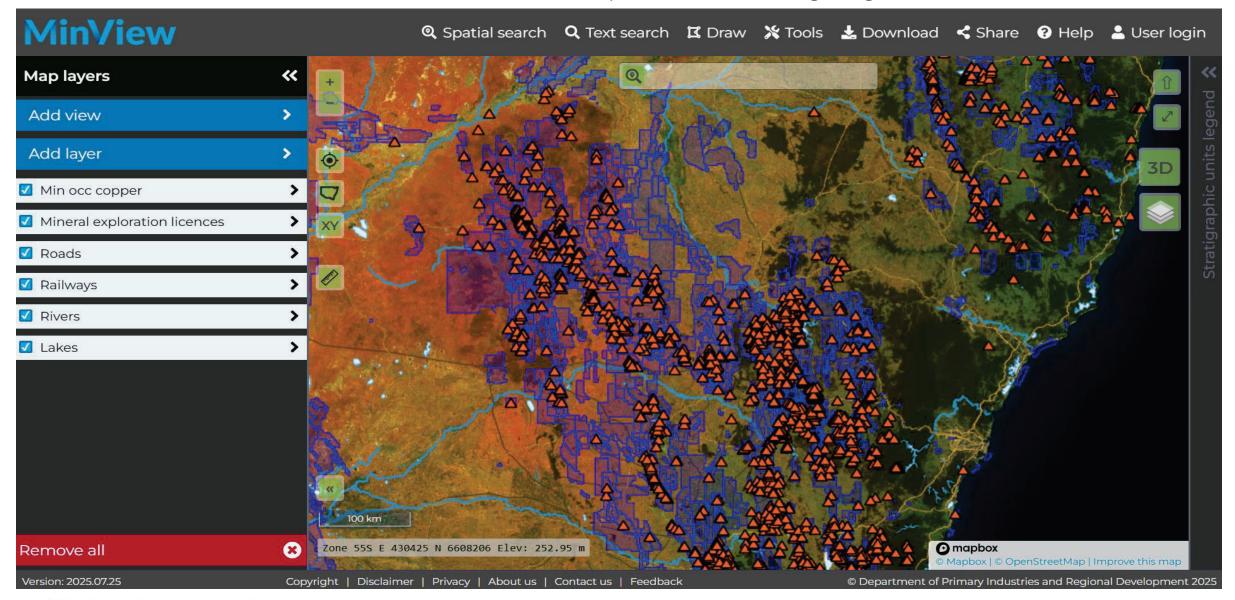
#### NSW Government support to mine development proponents (includes, but not limited to) Dept. Planning, Housing & Infrastructure **NSW Resources (mines department)** Coordinates a whole-of-government (State, Commonwealth, Local) **NSW Mining Concierge** assessment of the impacts of mining projects Inform exploration and mining companies of the various project Provides comprehensive and clear guidelines for proponents to improve approvals requirements and processes in NSW their environmental assessments: · Facilitate connections with NSW Government agencies, and between **Engagement Guidelines** all tiers of government in Australia to address water, transport, biodiversity, Native Title claims Cumulative Impact Assessment Guidelines **Assessment and Titles** Social Impact Assessment Guidelines Assesses applications for exploration and mining permits – advising How to engage with Indigenous/Aboriginal community groups and proponents on requirements landowners' guidelines Specialised Native Title team – advises on land ownership and Right to Negotiate process

<sup>\*</sup> Mine proposals may also require Commonwealth Government or Local Government approvals (subject to project size, value, significance/importance)

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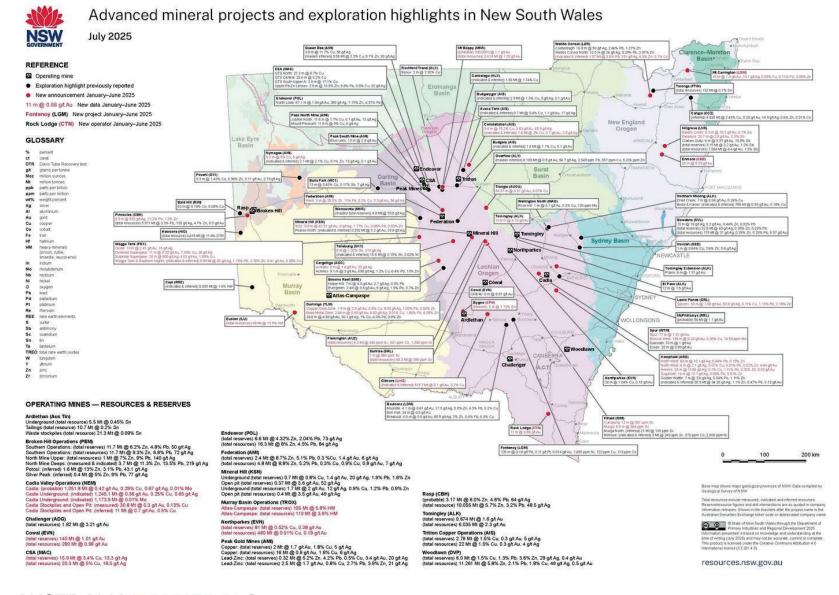
(https://minview.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/#/?lon=148.5&lat=-32.5&z=7&l=)
Open data source for geological and infrastructure data in NSW



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# DIGS (Geological data archive)



Updated every 6 months (minerals, quantity, etc.)

https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/

## The NSW Government invites investors to Sydney for IMARC week 2025

#### **NSW Critical Minerals Investment Showcase event**

- Monday 20 October, 9:30 am 1:30 pm @ The Mint, Sydney CBD
- NSW Government and industry presentations and networking

#### **IMARC 2025**

- Tuesday 21 Thursday 23 October @ ICC Sydney
- Australia's largest and most influential mining event
- 3 days of networking opportunities, collaboration and deal making

#### REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

NSW Critical Minerals Investment Showcase (invitation only event)

IMARC (complimentary 3-day investor pass)

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**KEY STATS** 

10,500+

550+

500+

120+

20,000m<sup>2</sup>

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# Critical minerals opportunities in Australia's Northern Territory

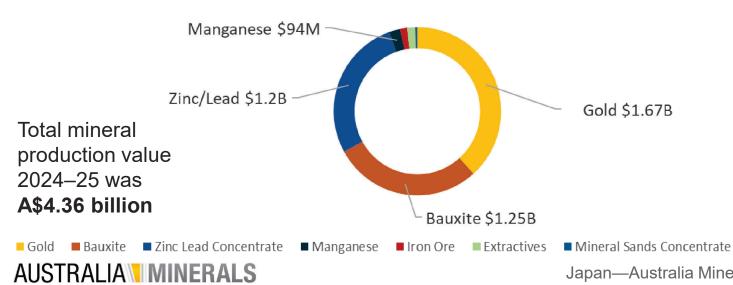
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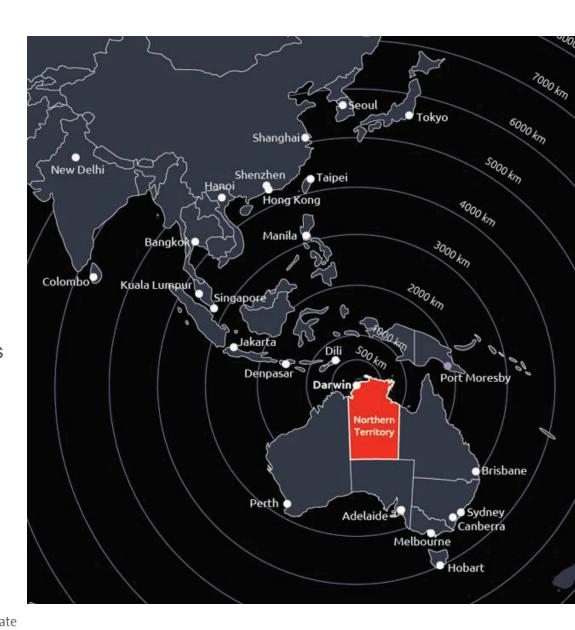




### Australia's Northern Territory

- 1.3 million km<sup>2</sup> in land area, 250,000 people
- Vast and under-explored
- Resources-driven economy
- Closest Australian port to Asian markets
- Major producer of manganese, bauxite, lead-zinc-silver, gold
- Uranium exploration and mining is allowed
- NT mining sector is expanding into critical minerals, 19 projects in development pipeline mainly gold, lithium, REE, graphite, copper, phosphate, cobalt, magnesium – mainly junior ASX-listed companies





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### Critical Minerals in the NT 2025



#### 北部準州のクリティカル ミネラル

アルミニウム\* ニッケル コバルト リン酸塩\* 希土類元素 ガリウム チタン 黑鉛 タングステン リチウム バナジウム マグネシウム 亜鉛\* マンガン ジルコニウム モリブデン

### 北部準州内の新興クリティカルミネラル

アンチモン スカンジウム ベリリウム シリコン ビスマス タンタル フッ素 テルル スズ\* ゲルマニウム 高純度アルミナ ニオブ 白金族元素



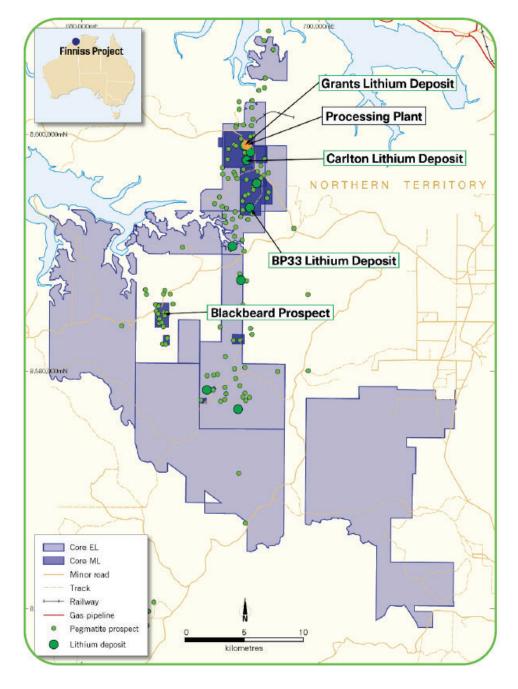
### Lithium

#### **Core Lithium - Finniss**

- NT's first lithium mine, opened in 2022
- Entered temporary care and maintenance in June 2024
- 250% increase in contained Li since start of 2023
- Mineral Resource upgraded to 48.5 Mt @ 1.26% Li<sub>2</sub>O
- New discovery in 2024 at Blackbeard 63 m @ 1.67% Li<sub>2</sub>O

#### **Updates in May 2025:**

- 60% of future offtake now available
- Restart study released showing significant cost reductions for mining and processing; predicted unit operating costs for 6% spodumene concentrate of A\$690–785/t
- Planning up to 205,000 tpa spodumene concentrate production in 10 year mine life, with potential for 20 years



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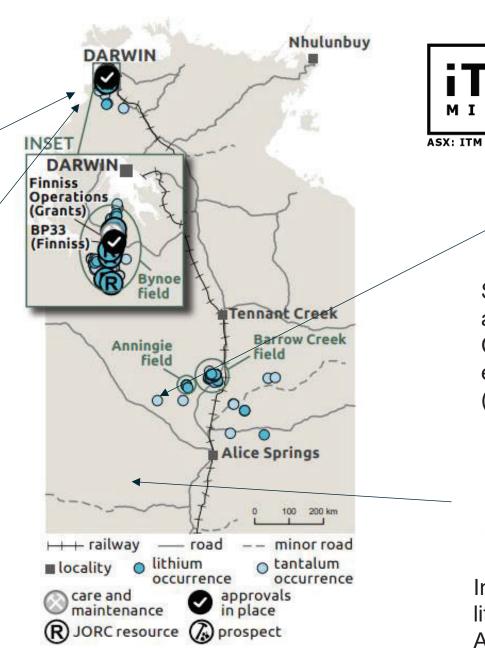


High-grade resource defined at Lei

4.1 Mt @ 1.43% Li<sub>2</sub>O



Maiden drilling campaign in 2024 intersected spodumene pegmatites in eastern Bynoe field; assays pending





Spodumene pegmatites discovered at Mt Stafford tin field in 2024. Major Chilean lithium company **SQM** signed exploration farm-in agreement (April 2025).



Investigating potential lithium brine resource in Amadeus Basin

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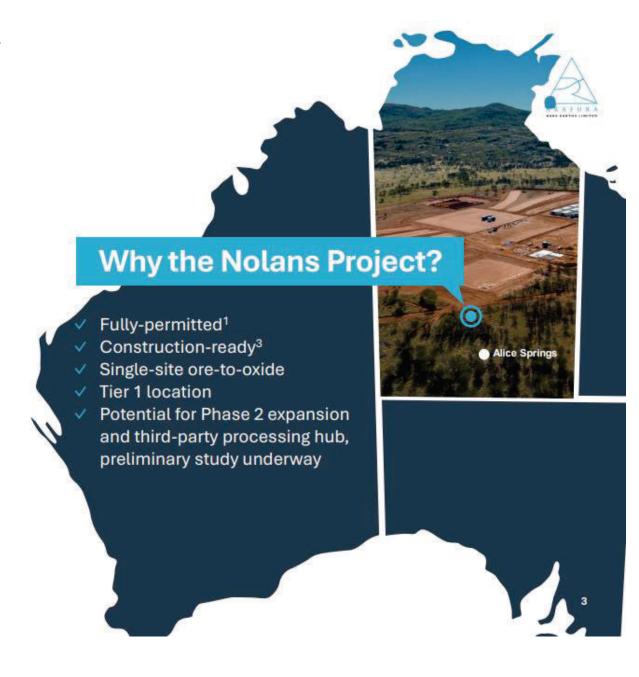
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### Rare earth elements (NdPr)

#### **Arafura Rare Earths Ltd – Nolans**

World-class resource of magnet-feed rare earths (NdPr), 130 km north of Alice Springs near railway

- On-site downstream processing to produce separated rare earths (including NdPr oxide)
- 66% of off-take secured with binding agreements with Hyundai Motor Co and Kia, Siemens Gamesa, Traxys
- Debt funding secured US\$1.05B debt package including debt facilities from Euler Hermes (Germany), KEXIM, Export Development Canada, Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility and Export Finance Australia.
- A\$200 million investment commitment from Australian National Reconstruction Fund Corp. in January 2025
- Approvals in place, targeting FID 2025



### Copper

## Potential for copper (+ gold, cobalt, bismuth) production from Tennant Creek mineral field

 Multiple companies assessing consolidation and development options including multi-user processing for copper, gold and critical minerals from multiple high-grade deposits (Tennant Mines, Emmerson Resources, CuFe Ltd, Tennant Minerals, Castile Resources)

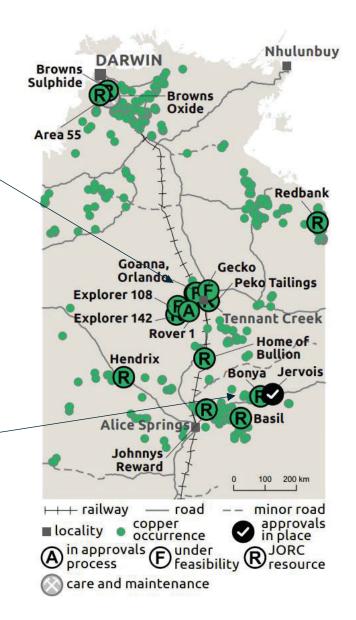
More than 500 kt of contained copper in recent resource upgrades

• Tennant Mines Pty Ltd – Warrego: 16.5 Mt @ 1.3% Cu, 1.1g/t Au

CuFe Ltd – Gecko-Orlando: 24.3 Mt @ 1.8% Cu, 0.56 g/t Au

#### KGL Resources Ltd – Jervois

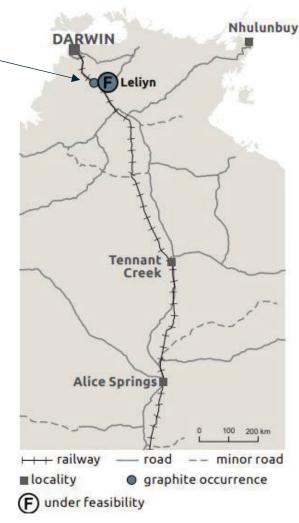
- NT's largest and most advanced copper project
- 27.45 Mt @ 1.87% Cu, 25.3 g/t Ag, 0.24 g/t Au
- Proposed 10+ year mine, producing 30,000 tpa Cu (in concentrate).
- Revised feasibility study released February 2025
- Fully approved, seeking project finance



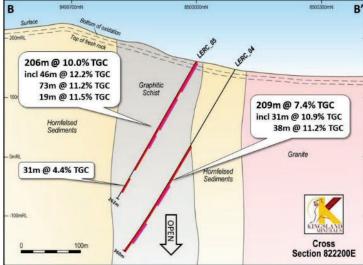
### Graphite

#### **Kingsland Minerals Ltd – Leliyn**

- 200 km from port, close to rail
- Australia's largest graphite resource discovered in 2023.
- Indicated & Inferred Resource:
   192.5 Mt @ 7.3% TGC
- High grade graphite over substantial widths
   Exploration Target 700–1100 Mt @ 7–8% TGC
- Metallurgical testwork demonstrates production of 99.97% purified spherical graphite, suitable for anode material
- Scoping study due for release Q3 2025
- Assessing gallium as a by-product
- Strategic partner Quinbrook investigating downstream graphite processing facility near Darwin.







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### Other opportunities

#### Magnesium

High-grade magnesite deposits located close to Darwin port (*Thessally Resources Pty Ltd*)

#### **Phosphate**

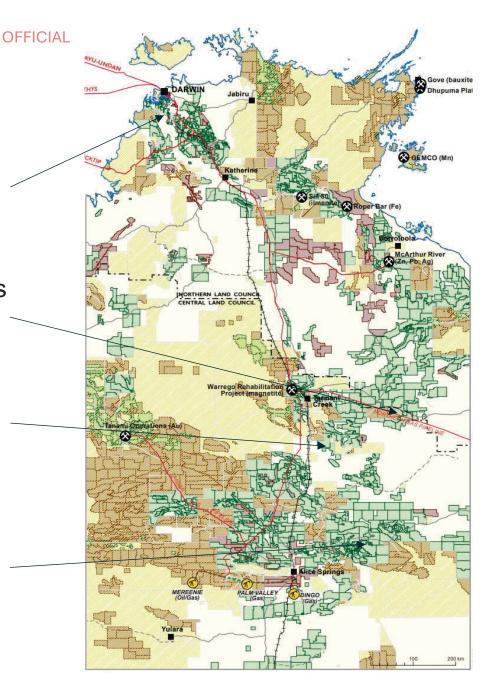
Australia's largest undeveloped phosphate deposits (Avenira Ltd and Verdant Minerals Ltd)

#### **Tungsten**

Advanced tungsten and W-Mo projects (Investigator Resources Ltd and Tungsten Mining NL)

#### **Fluorite**

Emerging high-grade fluorite project in central Australia (*Tivan Ltd – Memorandum of Understanding signed with Sumitomo Corporation*)



Exploration
licences in the NT
Green = granted
Red = applications

### Northern Territory Government support

#### **Northern Territory Geological Survey**

- Undertakes geoscience studies to improve the understanding of critical mineral potential
- Competitive exploration grant scheme available to industry to support and de-risk exploration
- Lead agency in the Northern Territory for progressing critical minerals MOU with JOGMEC (signed 17/07/2024)

#### Mining development reforms

New mineral royalty regime (5% for concentrates;
 3.5% for processed materials)

#### NT Government supports downstream processing

 Evaluating potential for low emission hydrocarbons, hydrogen, advanced manufacturing, CCS and minerals processing





### For more information



Critical minerals in the Northern Territory (Japanese version)









Mining developments in the Northern Territory February 2025



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### Queensland

Unlocking critical minerals for a sustainable and innovative future

Paul Holden



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### Queensland: a mining powerhouse

### Queensland's leading industry

Mining is the state's largest industrial sector and a key economy driver

#### World-class resources

Home to globally significant mineral, coal and gas basins

### Infrastructure advantage

Established network + ongoing investment in power and water

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### Why Queensland?

- ✓ Queensland's biggest economic sector
   World-class operations in copper, coal, gas
- ✓ Established infrastructureWell developed transport and logistics networks
- ✓ Globally significant mineral deposits
  Recoverable deposits of vanadium, copper, graphite, silica
- ✓ Strong wrap-around support
   Comprehensive assistance for proponents AND investors



## Queensland's mineral story: Powering the global transition

#### **Strategic leadership**

Resources Cabinet Committee
(RCC) provides cross-agency
coordination to accelerate approvals and
bring government focus to resolving
issues impacting the industry.

#### **Streamlined approvals**

RCC oversight reduces duplication and speeds decision-making, supporting the \$84B/year resources sector (25% of Queensland GDP) while boosting investor confidence and regional development.

## **Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy**

Vision to position Queensland as a global leader in critical minerals, focusing on approval efficiency, investment attraction, value chain development, and ESG leadership. Delivered by Critical Minerals Queensland (CMQ).

#### Federal alignment

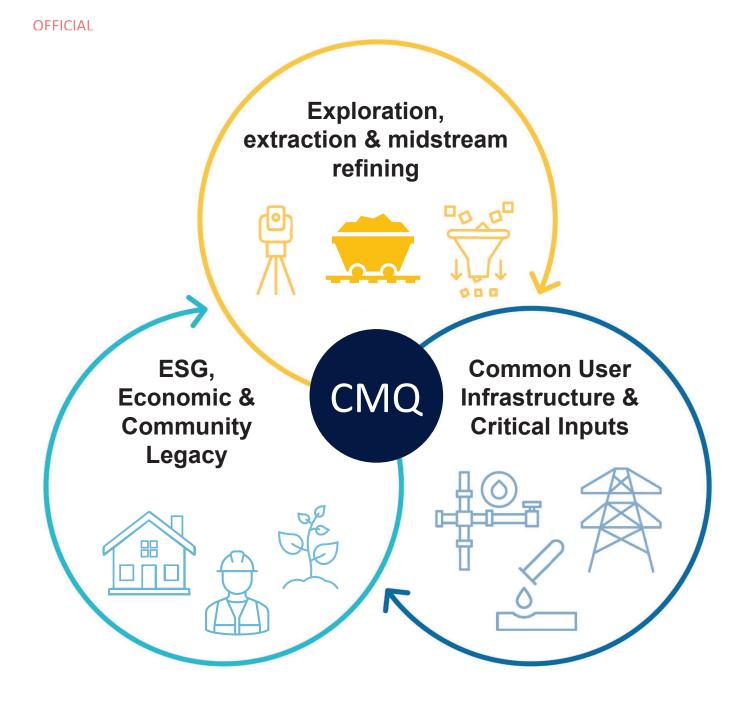
Queensland strategy complements the Australian Critical Minerals Strategy with shared goals of decarbonisation, sovereign capability, and global competitiveness.

#### **World-class mineral assets**

- Copper: Mount Isa region (50% of Australia's copper)
- Graphite: Esmeralda and Millennium Projects
- Other: Zinc, Lead, Bauxite, Rare Earths, Vanadium, Cobalt

### Critical Minerals Queensland

- ✓ Move faster, smarter
- ✓ Maximise investment
- ✓ Build value chains
- ✓ Foster research and ESG excellence



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### Invested in success







Sustainable Minerals Institute





## Japan and Queensland: Valued Partners, New Opportunities

### **Energy security**

Government-backed support for both regions' energy security and decarbonisation journeys

#### Partnership facilitation

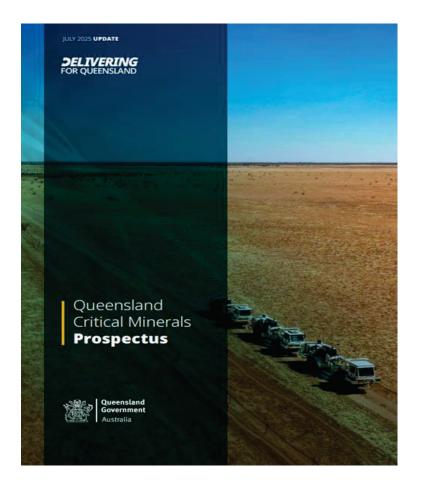
Facilitated partnership and investment opportunities between Japan and Queensland

#### **Industry support**

Continued industry support and streamlined investment approvals to strengthen bilateral relations

### Queensland Critical Mineral Prospectus





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## South Australia: The Copper State

Copper, Magnetite, Uranium, Natural Hydrogen

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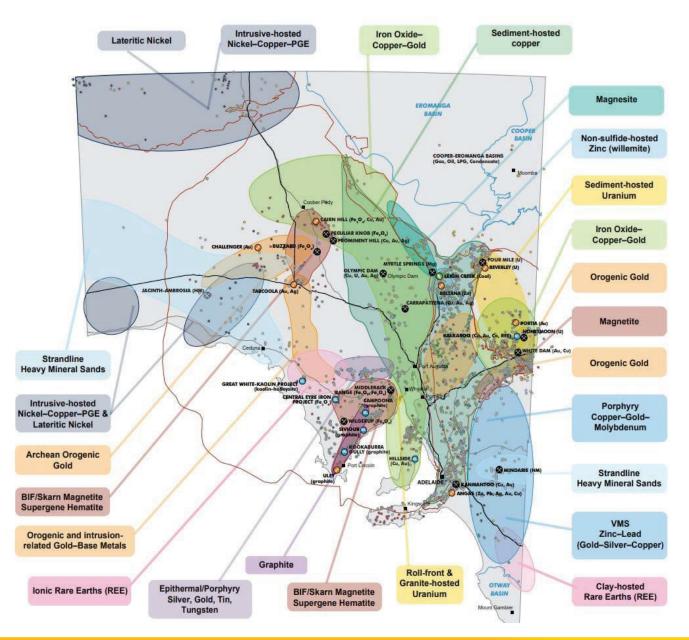


### South Australia: The Copper State

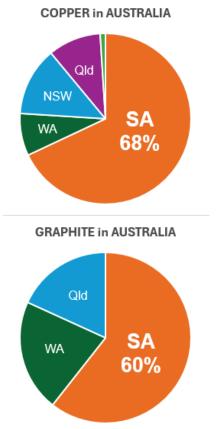


- South Australia has the largest economic demonstrated resource of copper within Australia
- Premier copper provinces include Olympic Dam Cu-Au and Curnamona, and the Adelaide Superbasin
- Commercially significant mineral systems include Iron Oxide-Copper-Gold (IOCG) +/-Uranium and Sedimentary Copper
- There is strong ongoing copper exploration with AUS\$204m spent in 2023–24 and copper production value of A\$4.36 billion in 2024
- South Australia has world-class precompetitive geoscience data and regulatory framework

### South Australia: Copper | Graphite | Magnetite | Uranium | Critical Minerals



- Overlapping multi-commodity mineral systems
- South Australia hosts 68% of Australia's copper and 60% Australia's graphite resources\*
- High-quality magnetite, feedstock for DRI and Green Iron manufacture
- Largest deposit of uranium in the world, 4<sup>th</sup> largest producer globally
- Proven resource for critical minerals:
  - Graphite
  - Rare earths
  - Magnesium
  - Mineral sands
  - Titanium
  - High-purity alumina

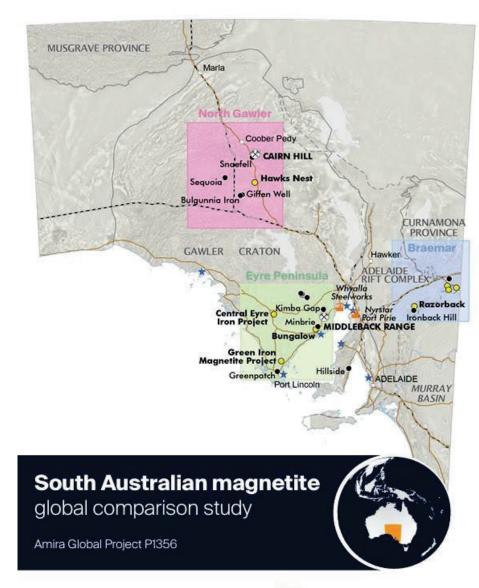


<sup>\*</sup> Australia's Identified Mineral Resources | Geoscience Australia

### World-class magnetite

- South Australia has a total of 19.6 billion tonnes of JORC compliant magnetite ore, including 8.3 billion tonnes of Economic Demonstrated Resources
- South Australia's magnetite deposits are situated in three regions; the North Gawler, Eyre Peninsula and Braemar iron regions
- BIF-hosted magnetite deposits in South Australia similar in style to some currently exploited deposits in Western Australia, Canada, and in the USA
- South Australia, by magnetite tonnage\* ranks third globally following
   Canada and Western Australia
- Based on head and concentrate grades, magnetite recovery rates in South Australian deposits are comparable to those seen in economically viable mines currently operating in Western Australia and Canada
- Grinding size is variable across the deposits with some allowing for coarse grinding (>100 μm), representing a significant advantage compared to many competitors globally
- Bond work demonstrates that some South Australian deposits host less abrasive magnetite ores compared to other regions
- Potential source rock for natural hydrogen accumulations

\* from publicly available data







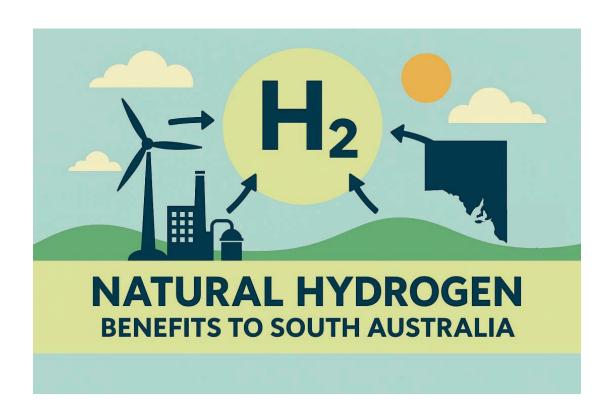
### Natural Hydrogen – positioning South Australia as a global leader

#### Why South Australia?

- Geological advantage: Iron-rich and uranium-rich basement rocks, deep faults, and salt lakes
- **Historic evidence**: Drillholes from 1930s showed hydrogen concentrations up to **84**%
- Regulatory support: SA amended its Energy Resource Act and Regulations to include hydrogen

#### **Key projects**

- Gold Hydrogen Ramsay Project (Yorke Peninsula)
  - exploring for natural hydrogen with the acquisition of 600 km of 2D seismic data and the drilling of two wells, Ramsay-1 and Ramsay-2
  - A gravity-magnetic-digital terrain geophysical survey was also acquired 10,529-line km, in 2023, along with soil gas surveys in conjunction with the CSIRO
  - Testing of Ramsay-1 and Ramsay-2 wells recorded hydrogen concentration of 95.8%, along with a new discovery of helium (36.9%)
  - Further drilling planned late 2025
- H2EX Eyre Peninsula
- 2H Resources Adelaide Fold Belt



- ✓ Over 35 exploration licence applications since 2021
- Active hydrogen systems confirmed
- ✓ SA's regulatory framework supports rapid development and investment

### South Australia | Innovation

### HyLogger™





5900 metres scanned since delivery

drillholes available online

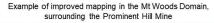
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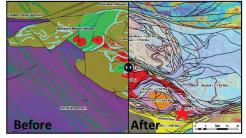
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#### **South Australian Discovery Mapping**

- Increases the accessibility and usability of pre-competitive data delivered to industry.
- Delivered via SARIG and Web Services, which links geological processes across time and location and is future-proofed for new data integration.
- Spatial data integrated with text-based geological intelligence links spatial features with explanatory notes to create a more holistic understanding of the State's geology.

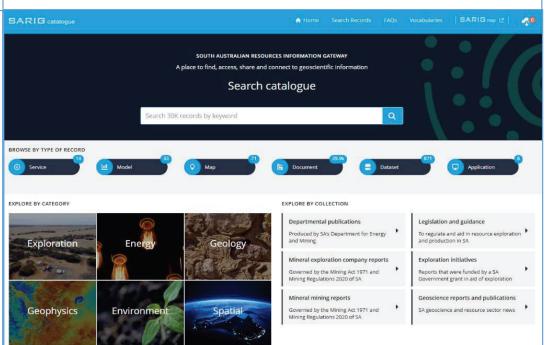






#### Access to seamless geology via SARIG, in GIS software and Al-ready

- GIS data package includes:
  - · ESRI File Geodatabase
  - · 45 spatial layers and symbology legend files
  - associated attribution tables with extensive detailed descriptions
- · Web Service API includes:
  - · IUGS CGI standards National and Internation standard
  - Machine readable future focus for next generation of digital Al/ML exploration



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# Minerals investment opportunities in Tasmania

2025 Update

Rebecca Sproule Chief Government Geologist Mineral Resources Tasmania





### Lutruwita/Tasmania

#### The 'Island State'

- 0.9% of Australia's landmass
- Incredibly diverse geology and rich mineral endowment
- Highest critical mineral 'deposit' density in Australia (25 per 100,000 km²)
- Products of mining and mineral processing constitute >65% per cent of mercantile exports

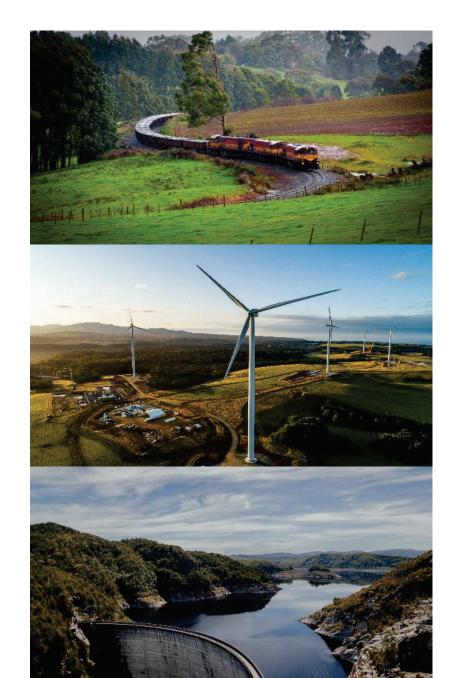


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### Tasmania – mining-friendly jurisdiction

- **Supportive government**: The government actively promotes mining through policies, legislation and initiatives designed to minimize sovereign risk.
- Established approvals processes: Predefined authorisation workflows
- Sustainable energy: Net zero in emissions, powered by hydroelectricity and wind farms sets us apart from the rest of Australia
- Robust infrastructure: The region boasts well-developed infrastructure tailored to support mining activities with upgrades to rail and port facilities
- **Geological framework:** High-quality, freely available pre-competitive geoscience datasets to minimize exploration risks
- **Skilled workforce**: With over 100 years of mining history, the region has a highly experienced local workforce



# Current production and processing

Primary and by-product **production** and <u>processing</u> in a range of strategic, critical and precious minerals

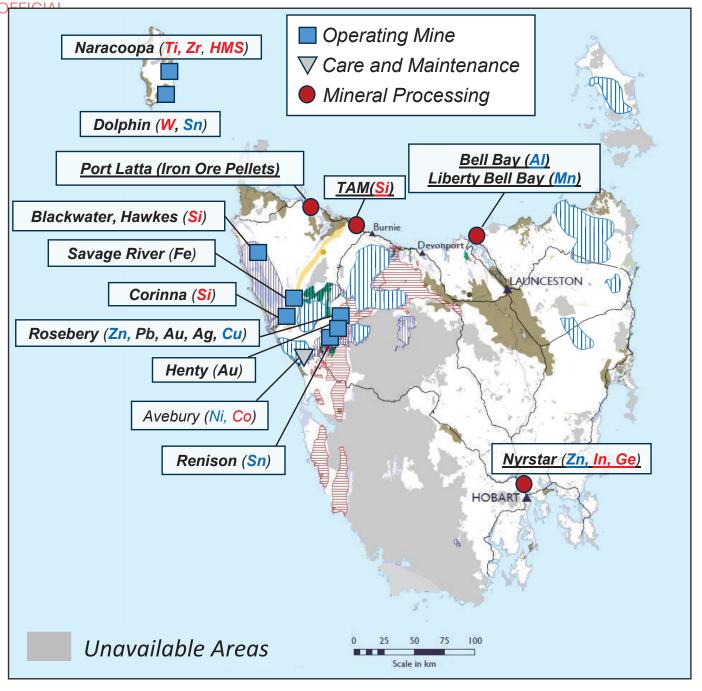
- Cu, Zn, Pb, Au, In, Ge, Sb
- **Sn, W**, F, Sb, Cu, As
- **Fe (magnetite),** REE, Cu, Au, **M**g
- Ni, Co, Cu, PGE, Cr
- **Si** (silica flour)
- REE, Ti, Zr

#### **Production in bold**

Processing underlined

Strategic minerals in blue

Critical minerals in red



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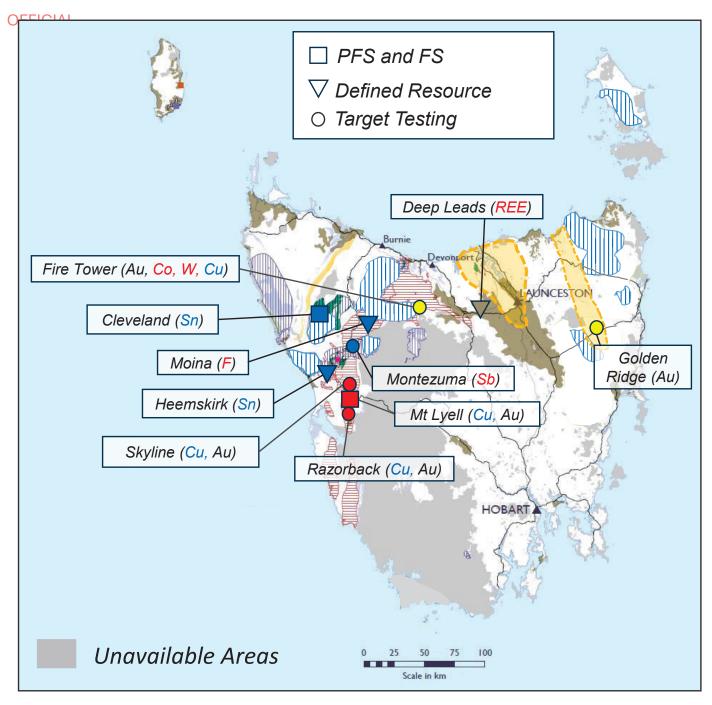
## A pipeline of opportunities

Exploration pipeline of developing projects in a range of commodities and further potential in prospective belts



**Production in bold** 

Strategic minerals in blue
Critical minerals in red

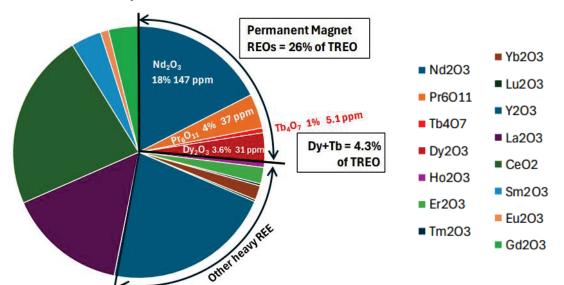


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## Project pipeline – Deep Leads

#### Rare earth elements

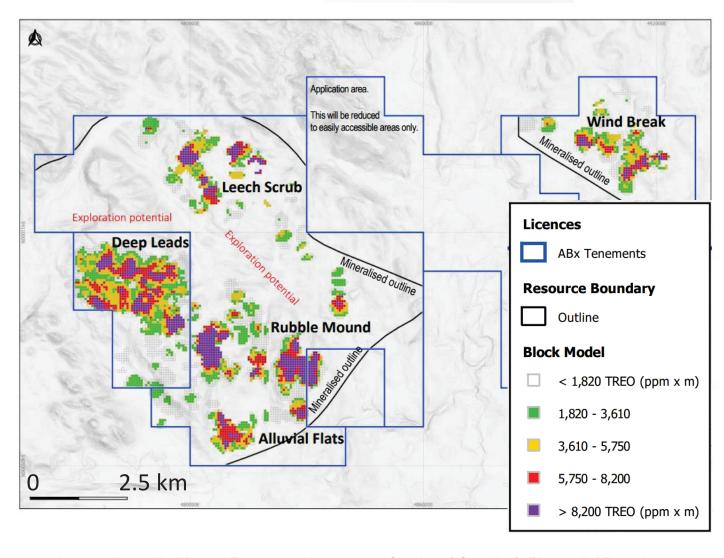
- 89 Mt at 844 ppm TREO (May 2024) based on drill out of only 29% of identified mineralized outline
- Ionic adsorption clay (IAC) type with highest Dy and Tb proportions of any IAC worldwide
- Highly favourable testwork with high rare earth extraction in 30 minutes at pH4 with low acid consumption



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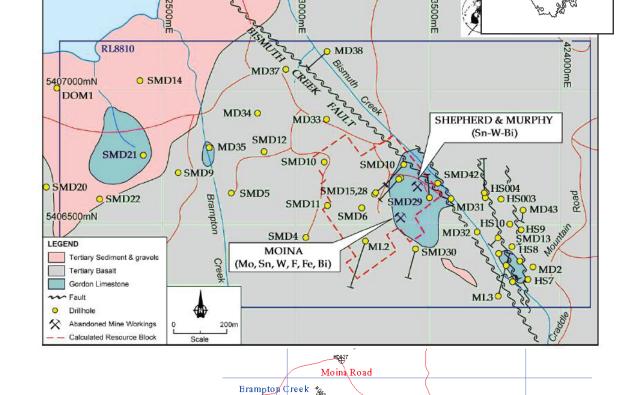


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## Project pipeline – Moina Wrigglite Skarn

#### **Fluorite**

- Historic drill recent drilling have been used to define a resource at the Moina Wrigglite Skarn:
  - 59.2 Mt at 6.0% F indicated, with 0.11% Sn and 595 pm W
  - Cited as Australia's largest F resource
- Drilling planned to bring inferred resources to indicated
- Pre-feasibility studies in progress



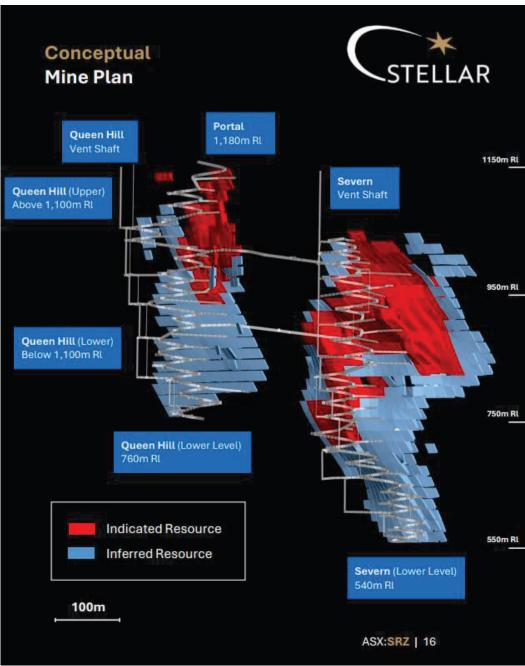


## Project pipeline Stellar Resources – Heemskirk

#### Tin

- Total resource of 7.5 Mt @ 1.04% Sn (77.9 kt contained Sn)
- Resource open at depth
- Favourable metallurgy (97% cassiterite) with 69% recovery in 2019, anticipated to increase to 75%
- Pre-feasibility studies in progress
- Off-take unencumbered





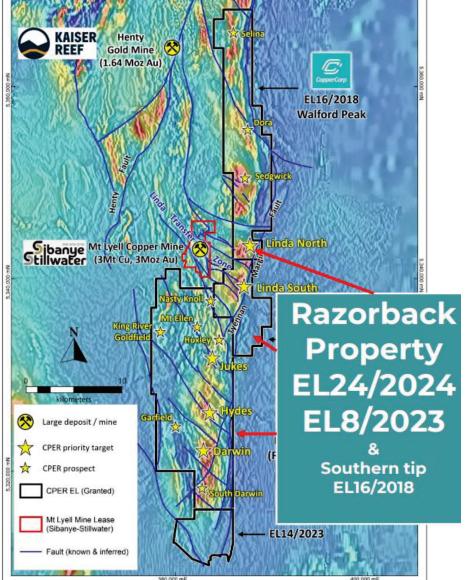
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### Project pipeline – CopperCorp

#### Copper

- Skyline and Razorback projects along trend of world class Mt Lyell Cu-Au deposits
- 23 km of strike length
- Early exploration stage
- Highest priority targets at Jukes and Hydes
  - Jukes (Dec 2024 drilling)
    - 132 m @ 0.35% Cu & 0.19 g/t Au (from 72.0 m)
    - 50 m @ 0.66% Cu & 0.27 g/t Au (from 498.0 m)
  - Hydes channel sampling
    - 24m @ 0.74% Cu & 0.36 g/t Au, including 14 m @ 0.97% Cu & 0.56 g/t Au







Jukes high grade

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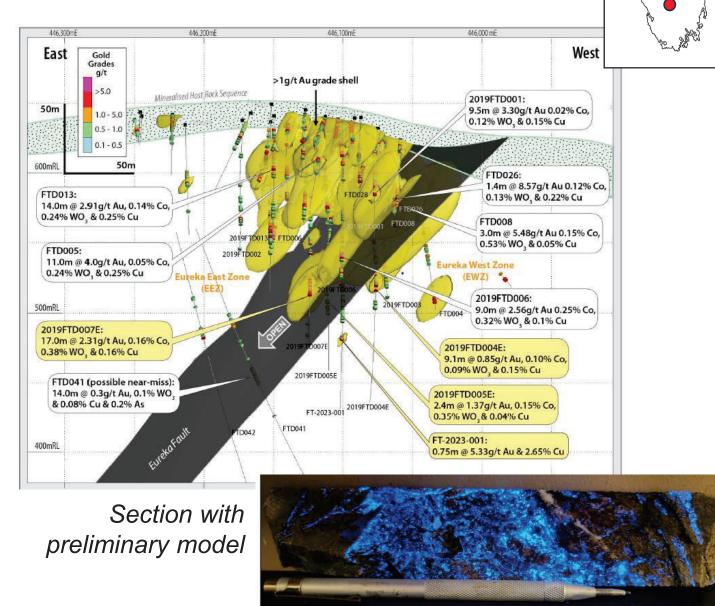
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## Project pipeline – Firetower Au-Co-W-Cu

#### Tungsten

- Prior exploration for Au but recent work has identified anomalous W
- New geological interpretation defined Eureka East Zone
- Best intersection:
  17 m @ 5.37 g/t Au and
  5.5 m @ 3.27g/t Au, 0.24% Co, 0.53%
  WO<sub>3</sub> and 0.33% Cu





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## Victoria's Critical Minerals Opportunities:

Antimony, mineral sands and more

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## Victoria: Where in the world?



### Victoria: a world-renowned jurisdiction

Capital: Melbourne (one of world's most livable cities)

**Population:** 6.59 million (75% in Melbourne)

- Highly skilled residential workforce
- World class research institutions
- Thriving METS sector
- Excellent transport linkages
  - Widespread rail
  - Melbourne Airport
  - Port of Melbourne
- World-leading emission reduction targets
- Long gold mining history



## Victorian investment support for Japanese companies

### Tokyo Office

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#### Demonstrated critical minerals resources



**Download here** 

## The Victorian Critical Minerals Roadmap



#### Theme 1: Mapping the opportunities

Identify and promote new critical minerals opportunities using modern geoscience data and knowledge.

#### Theme 2: A modern regulatory regime

Establish a Victorian Critical Minerals Coordination Office to engage industry on processes and standards and reduce approvals timelines.

#### Theme 3: Critical minerals production and processing

Investigate potential economic and national supply security benefits from downstream processing facilities in Victoria.

#### Theme 4: Sharing the benefits of Victoria's minerals

Investigate benefit sharing models for local communities and Traditional Owners, balancing the interests of stakeholders to optimise social, environmental and economic outcomes.

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## Costerfield: Australia's only producing antimony mine

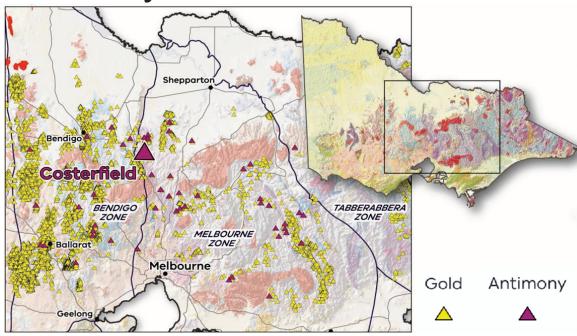
Alkane Resources' Costerfield gold-antimony mine is the largest producer of antimony outside of China, Russia, and Tajikistan.

2024	Gold	2024 antimony production	Antimony
old production	grade		grade
43,346 ounces	11.05 g/t Au	1,282 tonnes	1.83% Sb

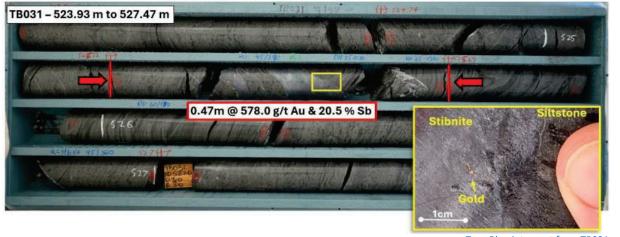
Reserve: 604 kt @ 8.7 g/t Au and 1.8% Sb for 168,000 oz Au and 11,000 tonnes Sb

#### **Critical uses:**

- Semiconductors
- Solar panels
- Batteries (liquid metal (Sb-Ca) and Na-ion anode)
- Fire retardants
- Defence



Drilling is uncovering new areas for resource extension and production



True Blue intercept from TB031

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Multiple explorers discovering Victoria's antimony

#### **Southern Cross Gold – Sunday Creek Project**

#### Mineral exploration target:

66.6 – 88.2 kt antimony and 1.7 – 2.6 Moz gold

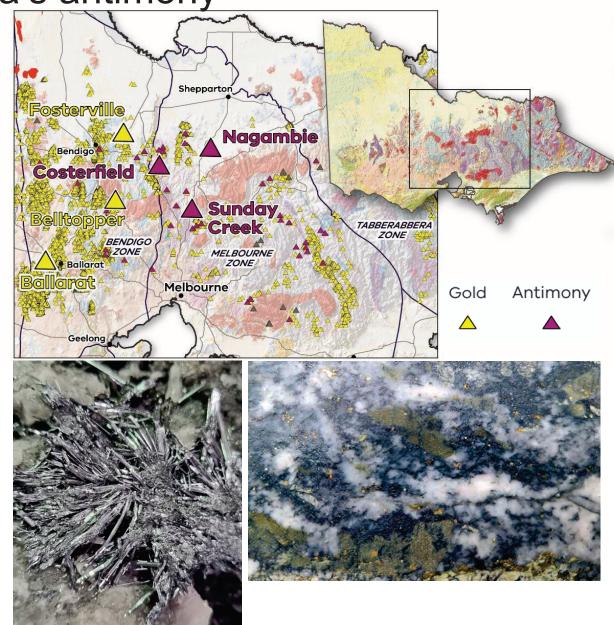
Exceptional drilling results:

- 54 individual intersections >100 g/t AuEq x m
- SDDSC144: 242.1 m @ 6.0 g/t AuEq (uncut)
  - Incl. 0.16 m @ 3,330.0 Au, 11.7% Sb

#### Nagambie Resources – Nagambie Mine

Mineral resource: 20.8 kt antimony and 58,013 oz gold Recent drilling highlights:

- NAD046: 1.26 m @ 4.7% Sb and 3.1 g/t Au
- NAD048 1.2 m @ 3.3% Sb and 4.5 g/t Au

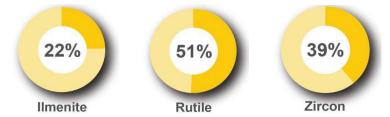


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### Mineral sands

Northwest Victoria is home to the critical minerals required for electrification and decarbonisation.

Victoria's share of Australia's mineral sands



Five current projects ranging from advanced exploration to development

<ul> <li>Multiple long-life deposits, billions of tonnes each</li> <li>Heavy Rare Earth Elements (e.g. dysprosium, terbium)</li> <li>Light Rare Earth Elements (e.g. neodymium, praseodymium)</li> </ul>			Portland	
Astron Corporation  Donald Mineral Sands  Project	VHM Limited Goschen Project	WIM Resource Avonbank	Iluka Resources Wimmera Project	ACDC Metals Goschen Central
5,783 Mt Mineral Resource	629 Mt Mineral Resource	311.8 Mt Ore reserve	1,380 Mt Mineral Resource	620 Mt Mineral Resource
185 Mt of total heavy minerals	18.3 Mt of total heavy minerals	13.4 Mt of total heavy minerals	69 Mt of total heavy minerals	13.6 Mt of total heavy minerals
Definitive Feasibility Study 2021	Definitive Feasibility Study 2023	Definitive Feasibility Study 2021	Definitive Feasibility Study	Scoping Study currently
Environmental Effects	Environmental Effects	Environmental Effects	underway	underway
Statement approved	Statement approved	Statement approved	Environmental Effects	Drilling planned for 2025
Mining Licence granted	Mining Licence granted	Mining Licence under	Statement underway	Environmental Effects
Work Plan approved	Work Plan under assessment	assessment		Statement approved
Production expected 2027	Production expected 2027			

### Downstream processing studies for antimony and rare earth elements

Victoria is well-positioned to host downstream processing due to access to reliable and responsible sources of critical minerals, infrastructure, technology and innovation industries, and strong environmental legislation.

#### **Antimony scoping study**

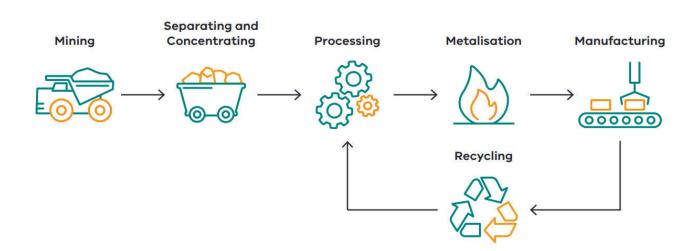
Conducting preliminary economic impact analysis that considers opportunities for Victoria in establishing processing facilities to produce antimony trioxide or ingot

#### Rare Earth Element metallisation study

Conducting a Pre-Feasibility study that will consider REE metallisation in Victoria to enable a fully integrated REE supply chain in Australia

Theme 3
Critical minerals production and processing in Victoria





**Thursday's Gossan Project** 

**Stavely Minerals** 

## Copper

#### Retention Licence Approved Resource: 27.3 Mt @ 0.69% Cu, 3.4 g/t Au & 0.1 g/t Ag **Mineral Sands** (Ti, Zr, REEs) WIM100 **Mineral Sands** (Ti, Zr, REEs) GOSHEN Mineral Sands (Ti, Zr, REEs) AVONBANK Mineral Sands (Ti, Zr, REEs) **Antimony** Copper DONALD MINERAL COSTERFIELD STOCKMAN BENDIGO ( **Mineral Sands** SANDS $\odot$ (Ti, Zr, REEs) WIM150 Copper **Mineral Sands High Purity Alumina** THURSDAY'S (Ti, Zr, REEs) GOSSAN. YENDON PROJECT **FINGERBOARDS** BALLARAT (9) MELBOURNE Magnesium\*\* SALE LATROBE GEELONG To MAGNESIUM PORTLAND I

#### **Stockman Project**

Aeris Resources Mining Licence Approved

#### Resource:

14.8 Mt @ 2.09% Cu, 4.0% Zn, 0.94 g/t, 36 g/t Ag

#### Reserve:

9.6 Mt @ 1.9% Cu, 4.3% Zn, 1.0 g/t Au, 36 g/t Ag

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## New data and knowledge

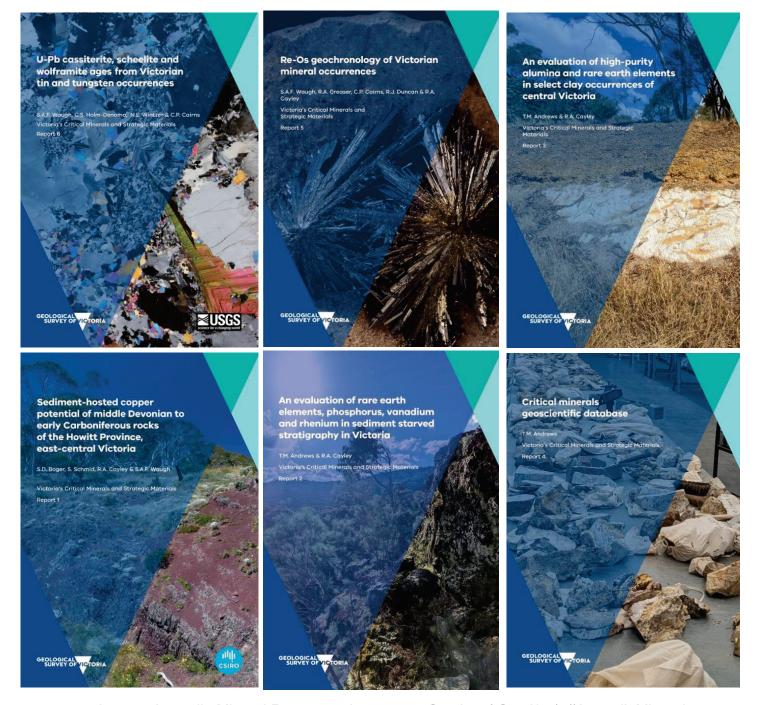
#### 8 initial critical mineral studies:

- >40,000 new analyses
- >100 new age dates
- Geological setting and context

#### **Further studies underway:**

- Antimony
- Platinum group elements
- Alkaline-silicate rare earth elements
- Lithium
- Tin
- Tungsten
- High purity quartz silica

**GSV Search Assistant: Critical Minerals** 



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### Victoria's vision for the future

- A world-leading responsible critical minerals sector that:
- ✓ Has timely approvals for development
- ✓ Delivers significant economic benefits for regional communities
- ✓ Is environmentally responsible
- ✓ Creates opportunities for future downstream industries
- ✓ Forms strong and lasting partnerships with local communities and Traditional Owners



Victorian Critical Minerals Roadmap Resources for Net Zero



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## Thank you

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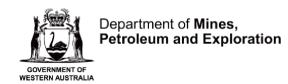
REALISE THE OPPORTUNITY

## De-risk. Discover. Develop.

Unlocking Western Australia's mineral wealth

Michele Spencer Executive Director Geological Survey of Western Australia Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration





## Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration



## Geological Survey of Western Australia

Geoscientific data, information and services to support the responsible use of the State's natural resources.



## Mining tenure and petroleum titles

Learn about getting mining tenure and energy resource titles in Western Australia.



#### Resource and environmental compliance

Environmental requirements for mineral resources and compliance for energy resources.

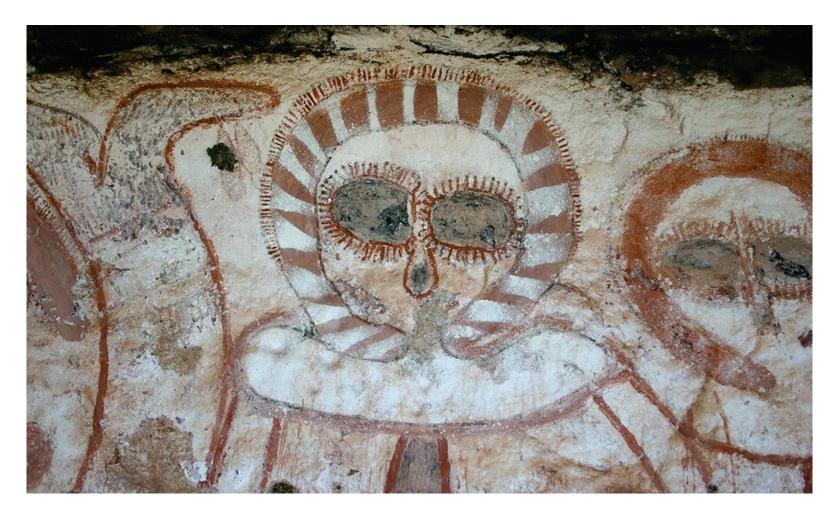


#### Aboriginal Empowerment Unit

A dedicated team focused on building empowerment and connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

- Formed 1 July 2025
- > Oversees policy and regulates the resources sector
- Critical role in the state's economy

## Aboriginal engagement: an essential development step



- Legislation recognises
  Aboriginal Australians
  connection to land and sea
- > Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) principle
- ➤ Each community is unique, and cultural protocols vary across the state.

Images of Wanjina are characterised by halo like headdresses, mouthless faces and large round eyes. (Donkey Ridge, north-western Kimberley)
Image Credit: Grahame Walsh

## De-risk. Discover. Pre-competitive data and exploration

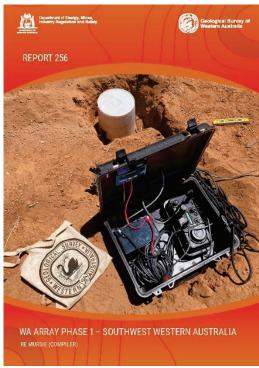
#### **Providing trusted advice**

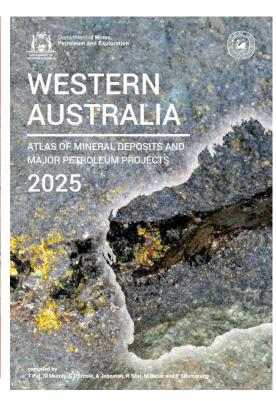
- ➤ Print and digital maps
- ➤ Data packages
- ➤ Digital core atlas
- ➢ GIS layers
- > Technical reports and records

#### **Exploration Incentive Scheme**

- ➤ Accelerate exploration
- > Co-funded drilling, geophysics, energy analysis







## Discover. Develop. Case study: Nova operation

1998 GSWA regional geochemistry field work 2000 GSWA geochemistry data published: Ni-Cu-Co anomaly 2007 Exploration tenement E28/1724 granted 2009 **Exploration Incentive Scheme begins** 2010 GSWA aeromagnetic data anomaly 2011 EIS co-funded diamond drillhole 2012 Discovery hole 2014 Mining lease M28/0376 granted 2016 Mining begins



2024

Production 20.8kt Ni, 9.9kt Cu, 735t Co, at cost: A\$3.99/lb Ni, employs 543 FTE (2023)

#### Unlock Western Australia's Rare Earths

#### **Operational**

Mt Weld - 12 ktpa NdPr, Lynas Rare Earths

Kalgoorlie processing facility - 9 ktpa NdPr, Lynas Rare Earths

#### **Advanced projects**

Eneabba refinery - 23 ktpa TREO, Iluka (under construction)

- 37 ktpa TREO, Hastings Tech Yangibana project Browns Range

- Feasibility study, Northern Minerals

#### **Early-stage projects**

North Stanmore **Cummings Range** West Arunta

- Victory Metals
- RareX
- WA1 Resources

27 652 t Tonnes sold

834 Full-time employees

\$4117 m<sup>+</sup> Investment projects

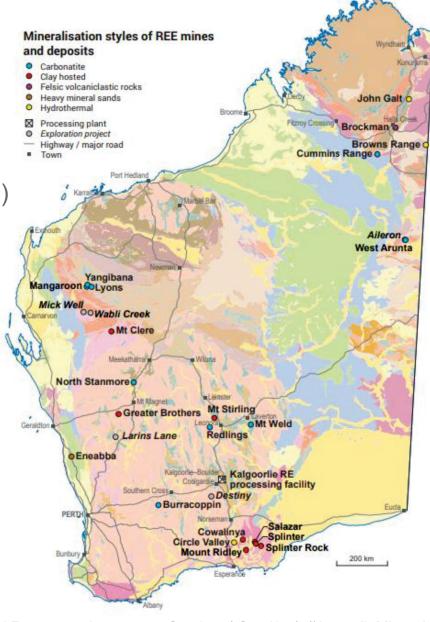












## The Western Australian advantage

- > Resource-rich
- Resource sector success underpinned by:
  - ✓ world-class geoscience
  - ✓ robust regulatory system
  - ✓ strong research sector
  - √ highly-skilled workforce
  - ✓ emerging mid-stream processing industry
  - ✓ strong support from both state and federal governments

