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Australian mineral opportunities

Supporting the global energy transition

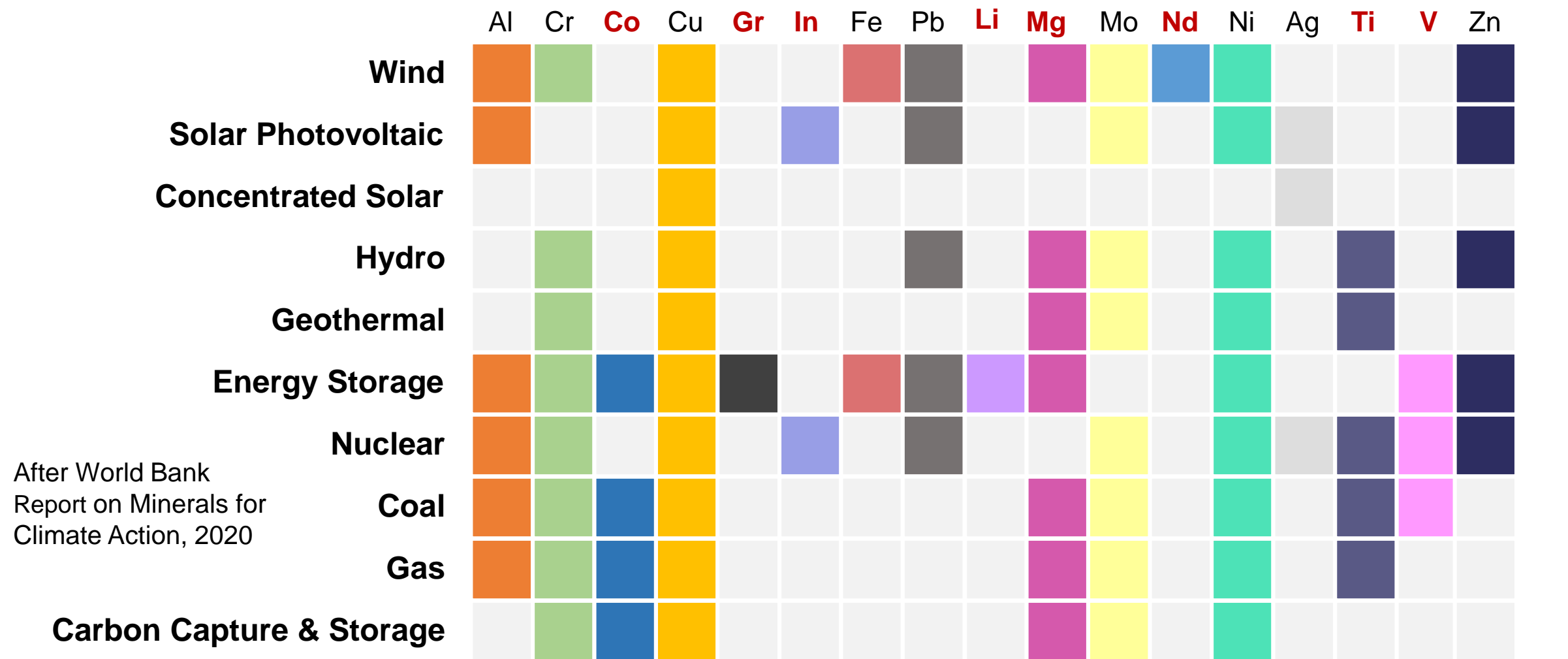
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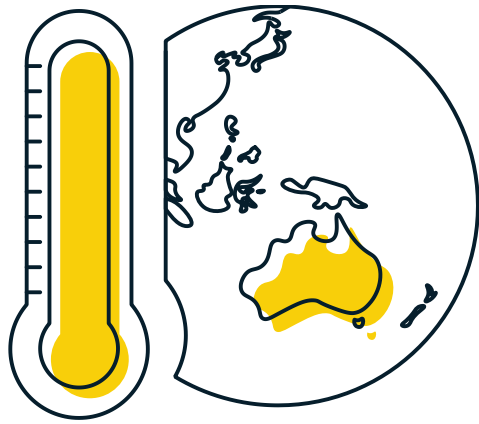
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Essential minerals for energy transition

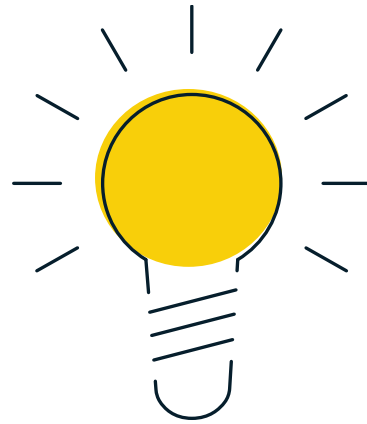


Red text = Australian critical mineral

Australian Government resource priorities



Climate change



Energy transition



Economy

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[Exploring for the Future](#) (national)

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Western Australia

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South Australia

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Victoria

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[Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan](#)

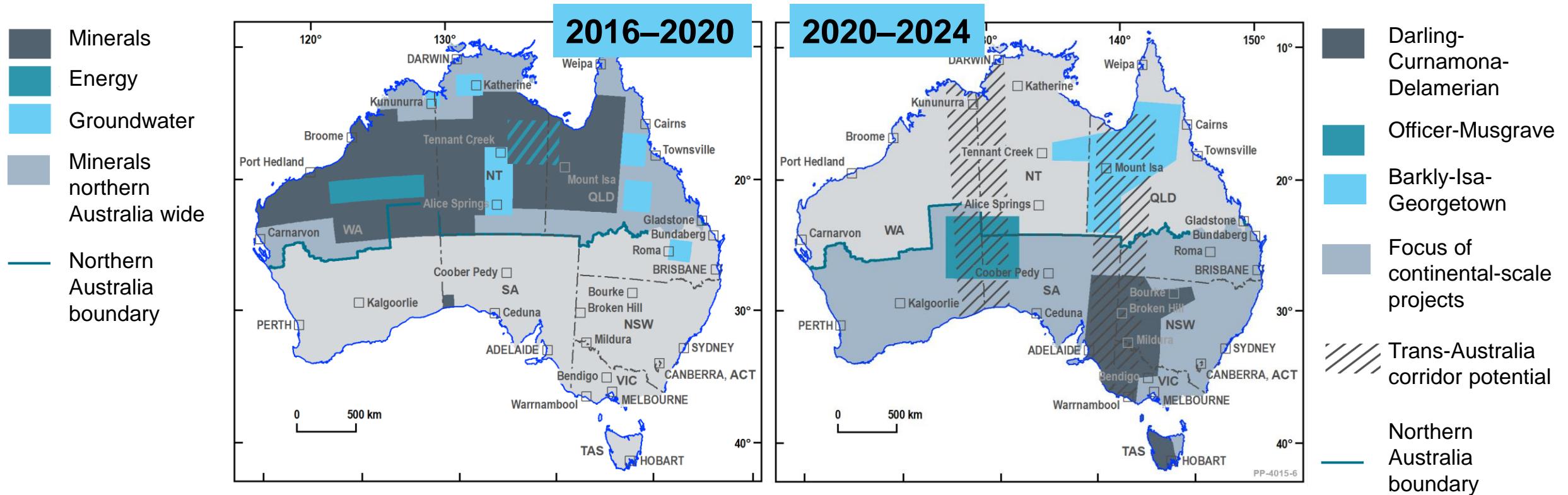
New South Wales



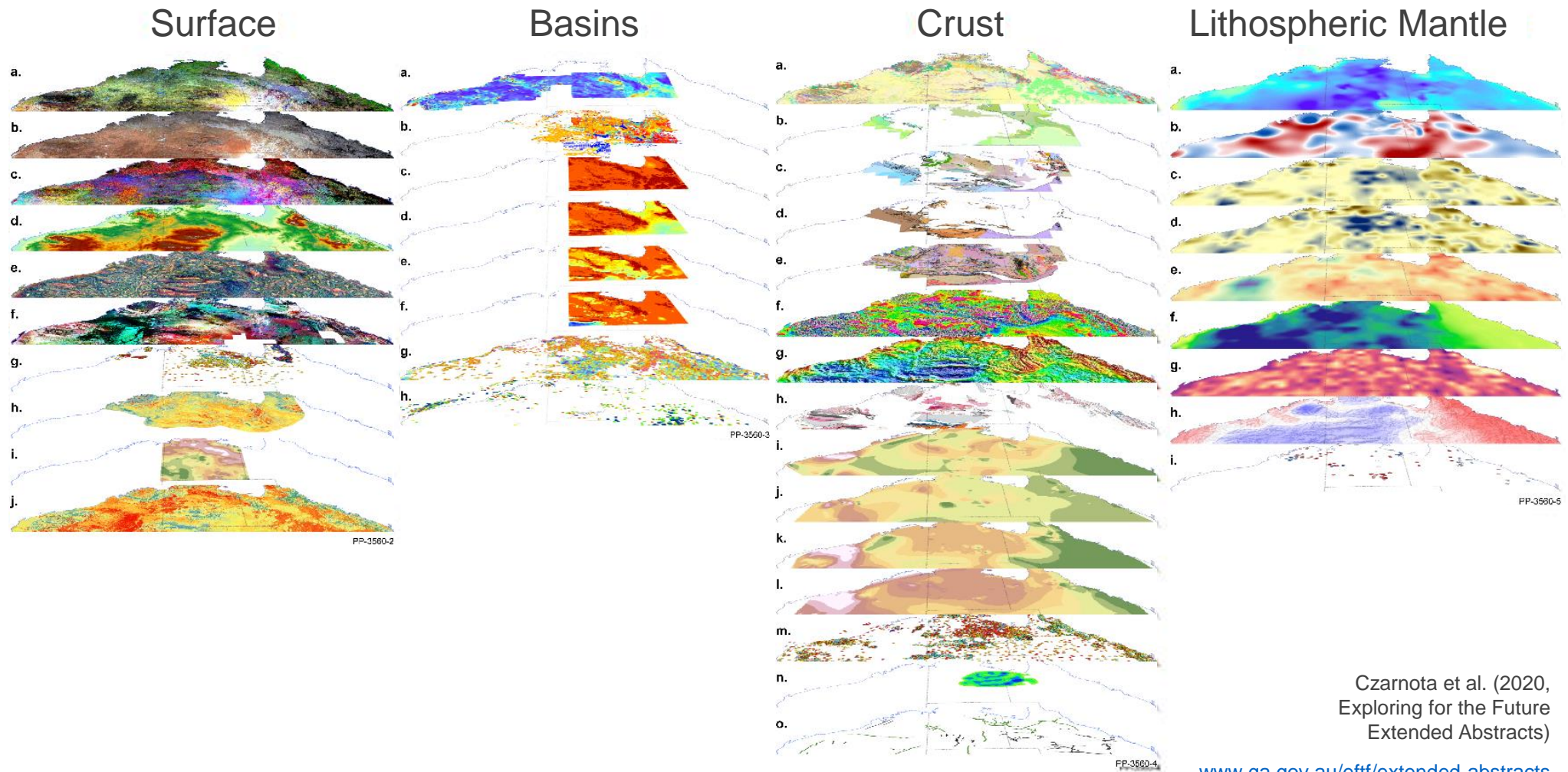
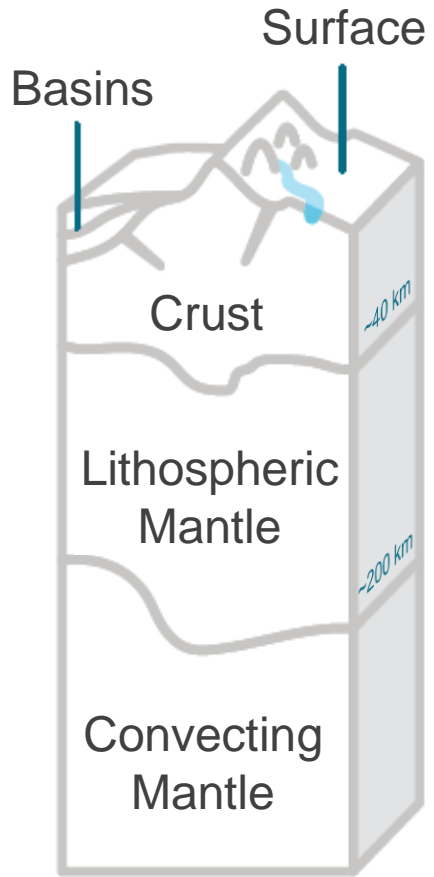
[New Frontiers Exploration Program](#)
[Critical Minerals and High Tech Metals Activation Fund](#)

Australia's Exploring for the Future program—\$225m investment

VISION: To support a **strong economy, resilient society** and **sustainable environment** for the benefit of Australians via an integrated geoscience understanding of our mineral, energy and groundwater potential



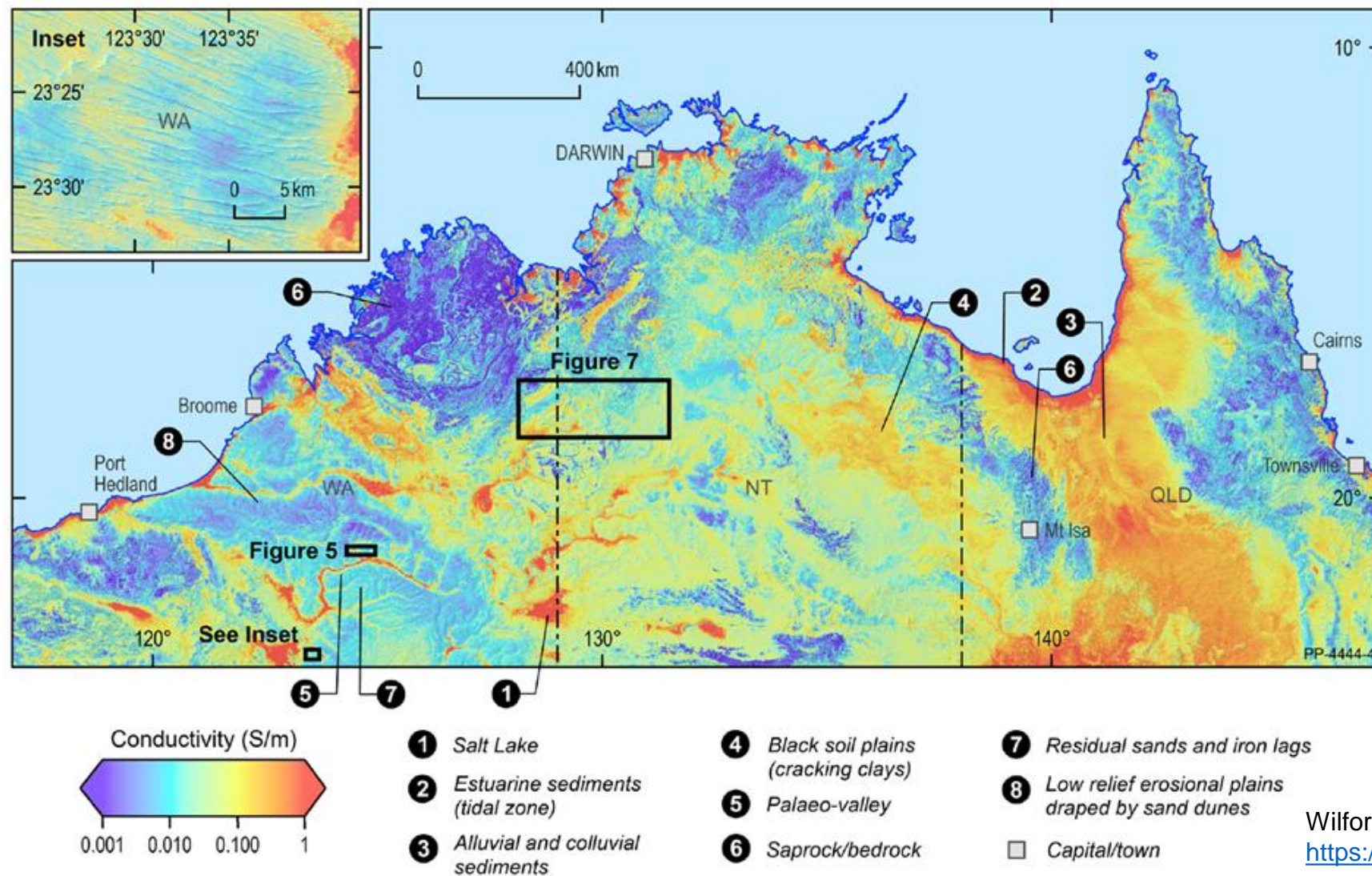
A national treasure—Expanding collection of datasets and knowledge



Czarnota et al. (2020,
Exploring for the Future
Extended Abstracts)

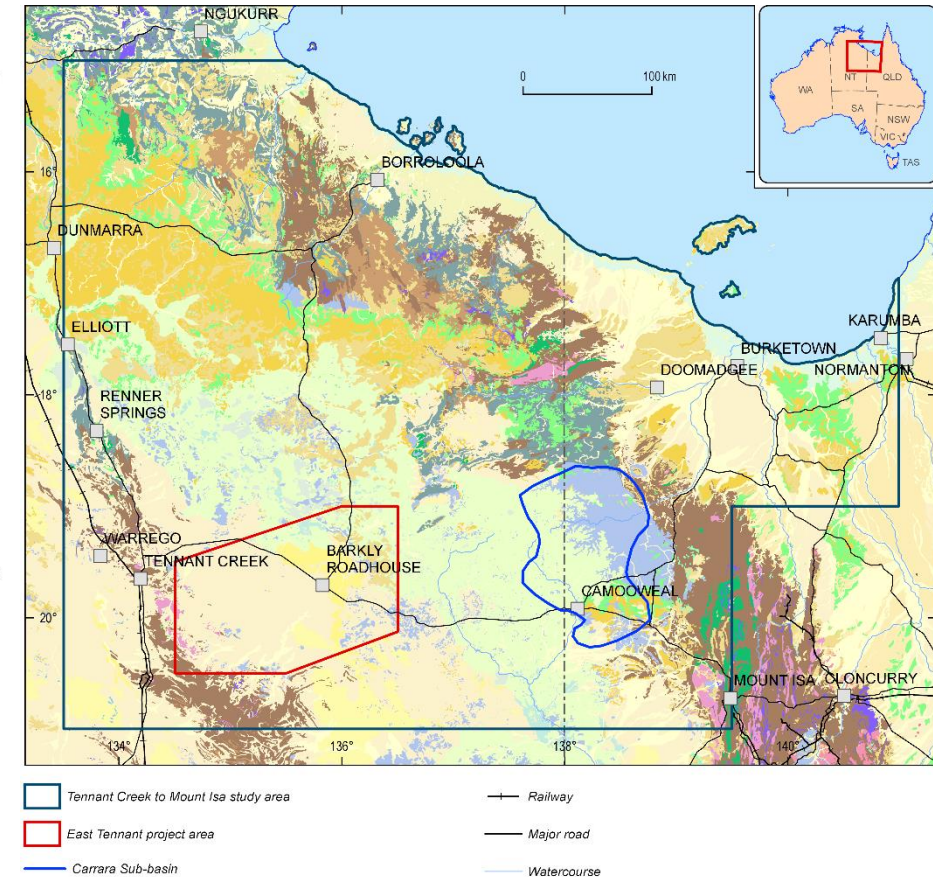
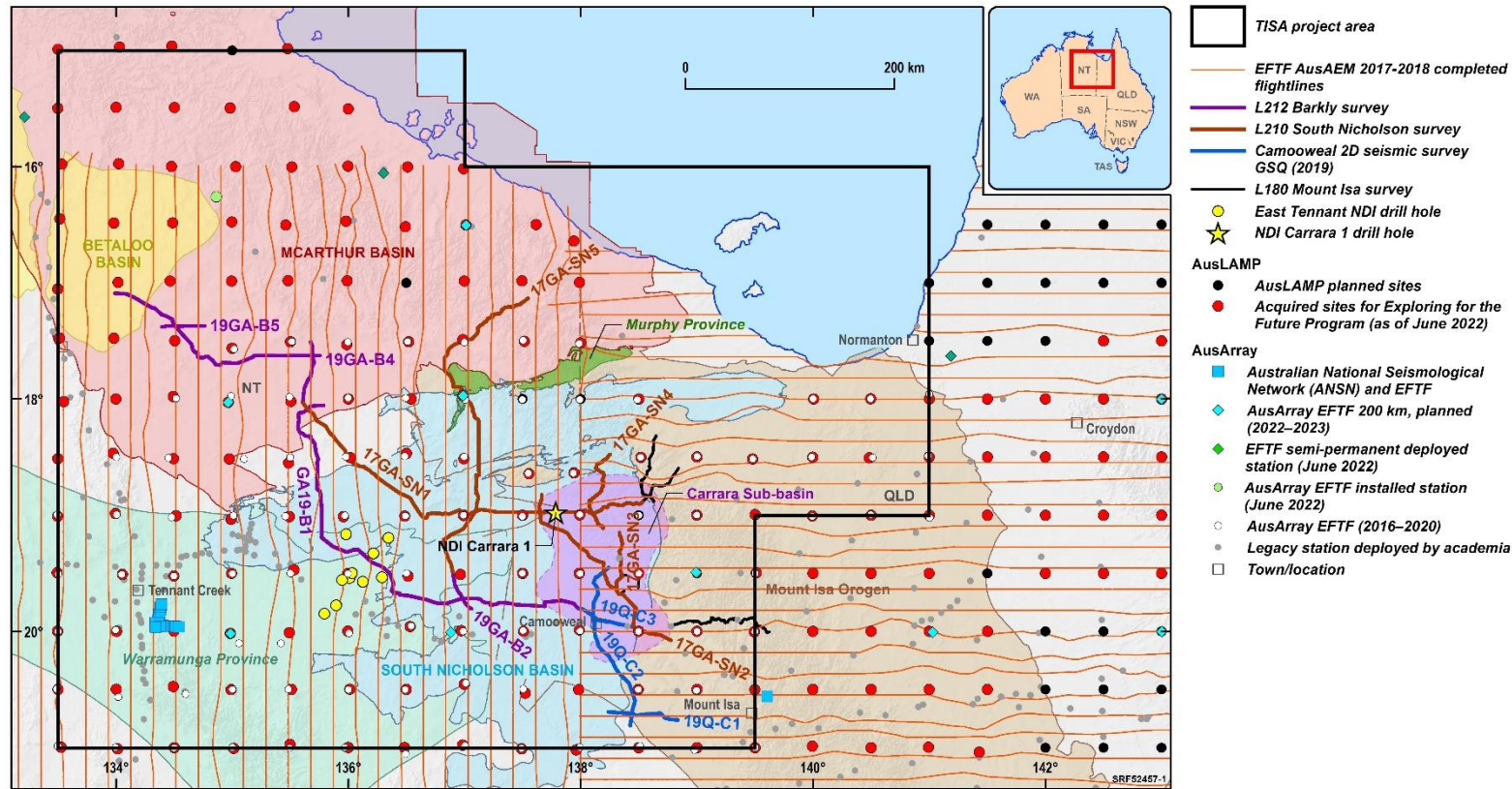
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Continuous surface conductivity using Machine Learning

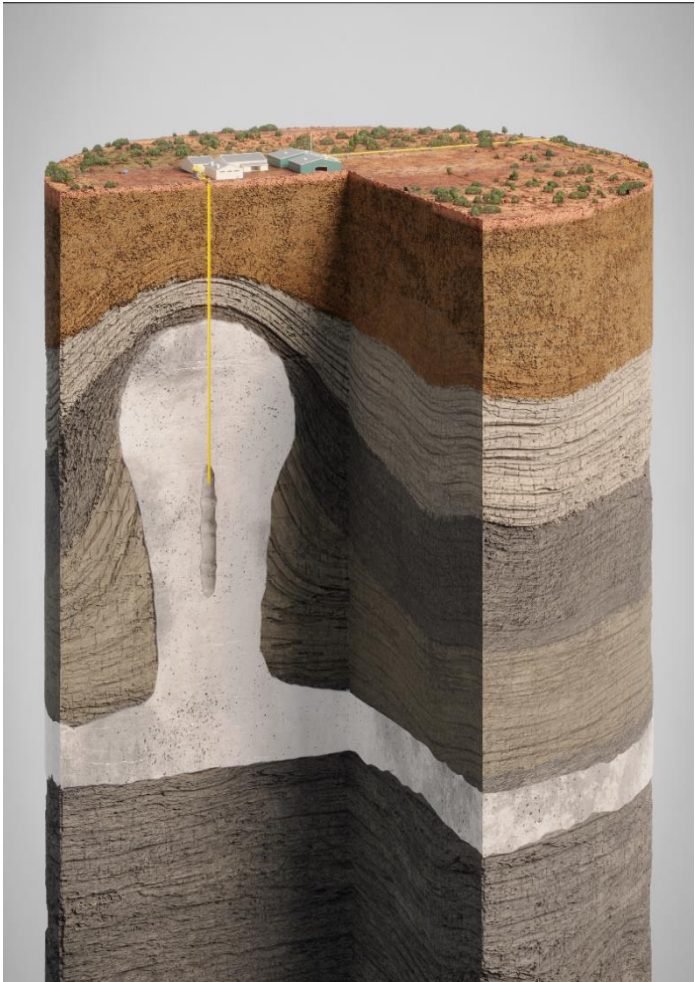
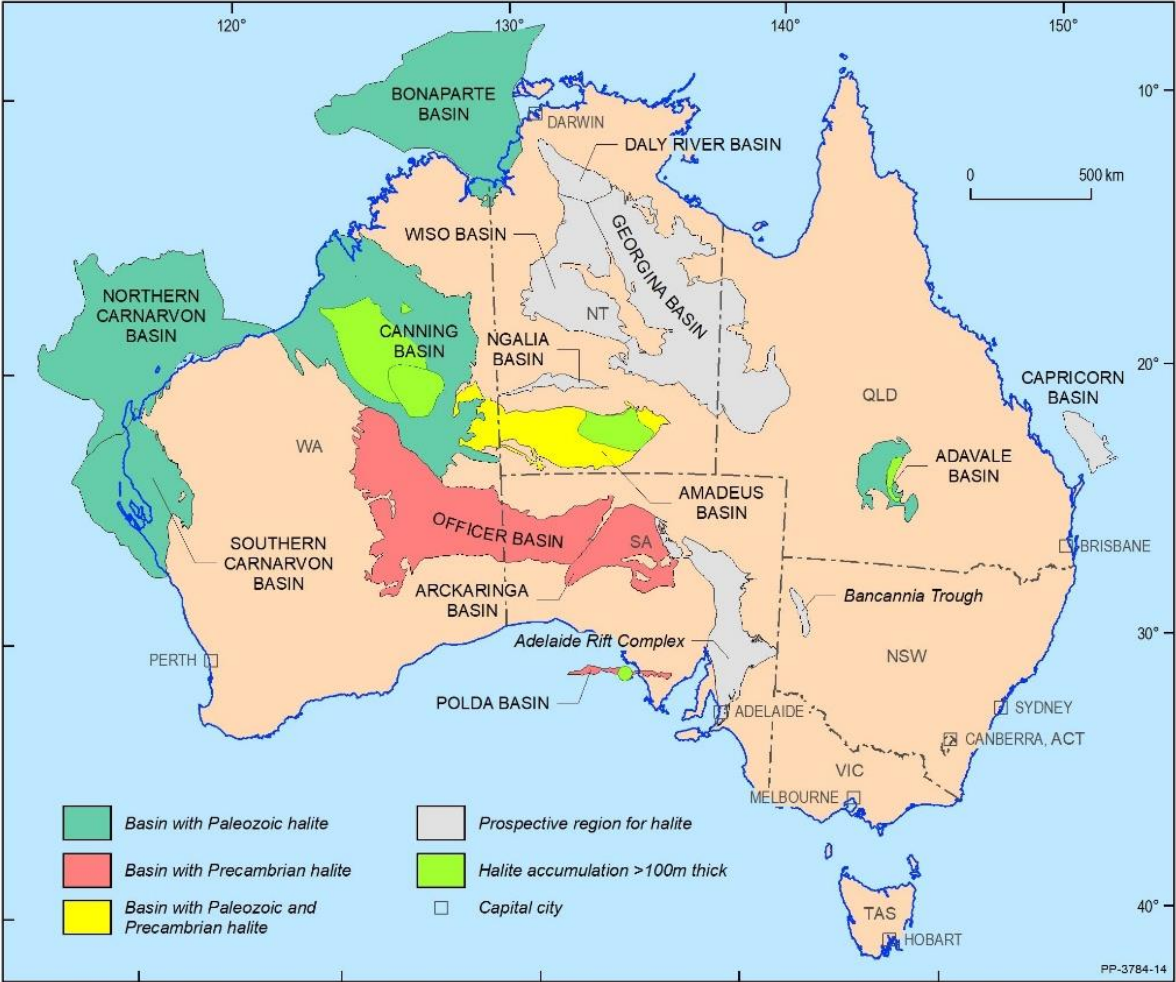


Wilford et al., 2022.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.26186/146380>

Precompetitive geoscience and scale-reduction



Hydrogen storage in salt caverns



Salt storage

Halite

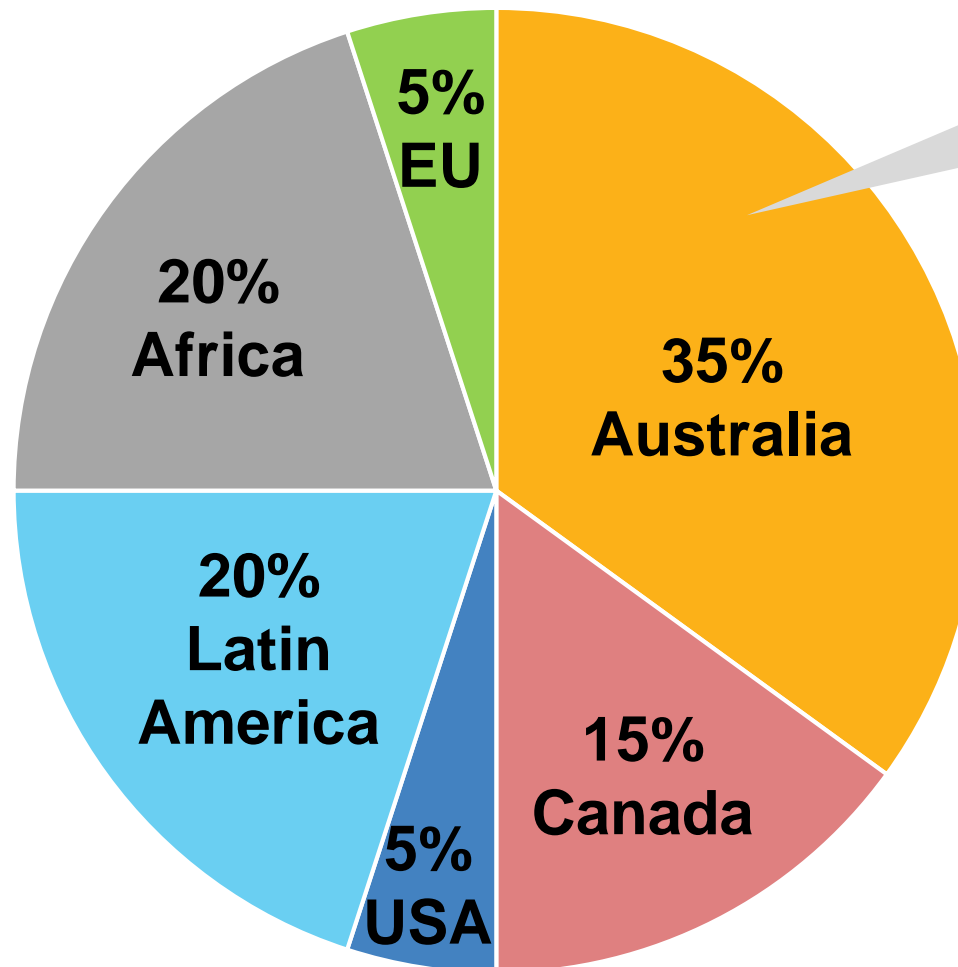
National Mine Waste Assessment—secondary critical mineral prospectivity

- Accurate location of mine waste
- Model and predict critical mineral content
- Test and refine modelling
- Economic modelling for extraction and modern management of reprocessed mine waste
- Data and decision-making tools



How effective is exploration activity in Australia?

20 Tier 1 & 2 mineral deposits were discovered worldwide in the last 5 years



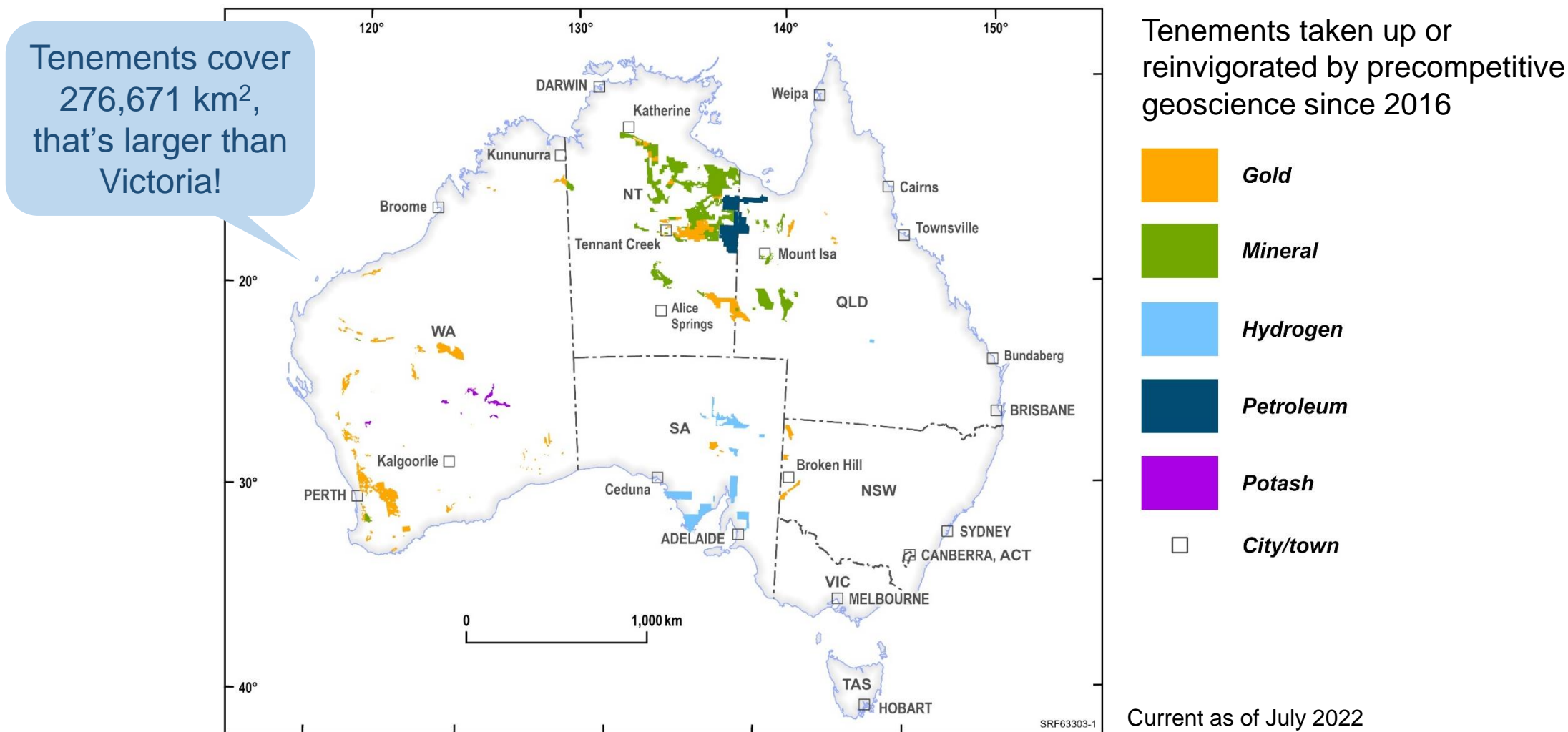
50% (2 of 4) Tier 1 discoveries were in Australia, all underpinned by precompetitive geoscience

Over two thirds of Australia's discoveries were underpinned by precompetitive geoscience

Data source: MinEx Consulting, July 2022

NB number of tier 1 and 2 deposits will grow as deposits are drilled out.

Exploration supported by GA's precompetitive information



Exploring for the Future and beyond

- Precompetitive data acquisition and analysis has proven its worth and brought about a world-leading step change
- The future will use integrated, holistic, multi-scale resource assessments to inform decisions for government and industry
- Australia has momentum and will be a key source of reliable and responsible supply of critical and other essential minerals as we transition to net zero.

More information

- Australia Minerals: www.australiaminerals.gov.au
- EFTF Website: www.ga.gov.au/eftf
- Data Discovery Portal: www.portal.ga.gov.au
- Recent Showcase, 8–10 August: www.ga.gov.au/showcase
- Critical Minerals: www.ga.gov.au/criticalminerals
- Contacts: mineral.promotions@ga.gov.au
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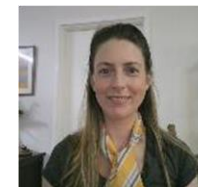
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

A critical and battery mineral powerhouse

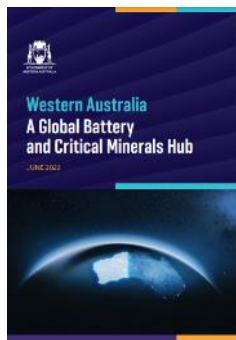
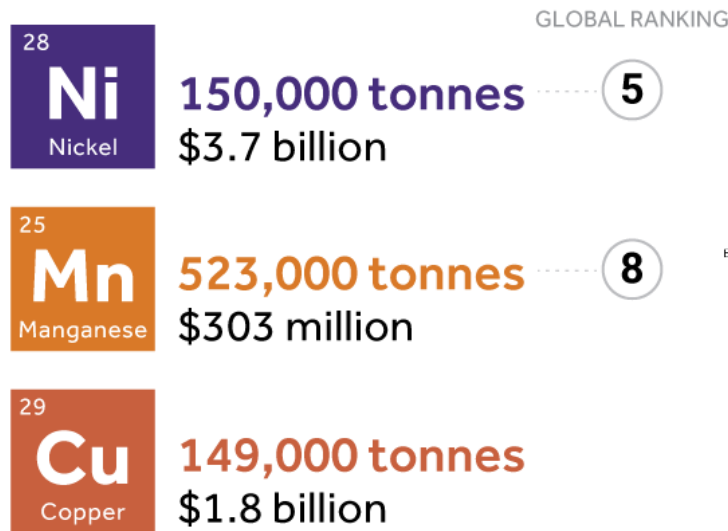
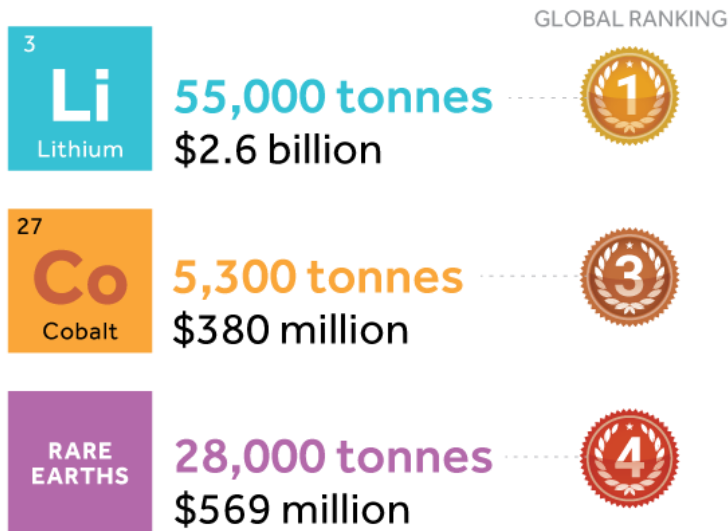
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Western Australia's Battery and Critical Minerals Production



Battery and Critical Minerals Prospectus, June 2022

- Mine (operating or under development)
 - Deposit (scoping, pre-feasibility or feasibility)
 - Deposit (with resources)
 - Graphite
 - Lithium (Li)
 - High-purity alumina (HPA)
 - Manganese (Mn)
 - Nickel (Ni)
 - Nickel (Ni), cobalt (Co)
 - Rare earth elements (REE)
 - Vanadium (V)
 - Town
 - Highway / major road
 - ⚓ Port Authority ports
- 200 km



Western Australia's expanding role in the supply chain



WA is expanding its role in the resources supply value chain

- **Precursor chemical plants**
 - Operating or under construction (lithium, nickel)
 - Planned (vanadium, REE, graphite, HPA, manganese, magnesium)
- **Precursor cathode-active materials (pCAM) plants**
 - Kalgoorlie (Pure Battery Technologies)
 - Perth (Future Battery Industries CRC pilot plant)

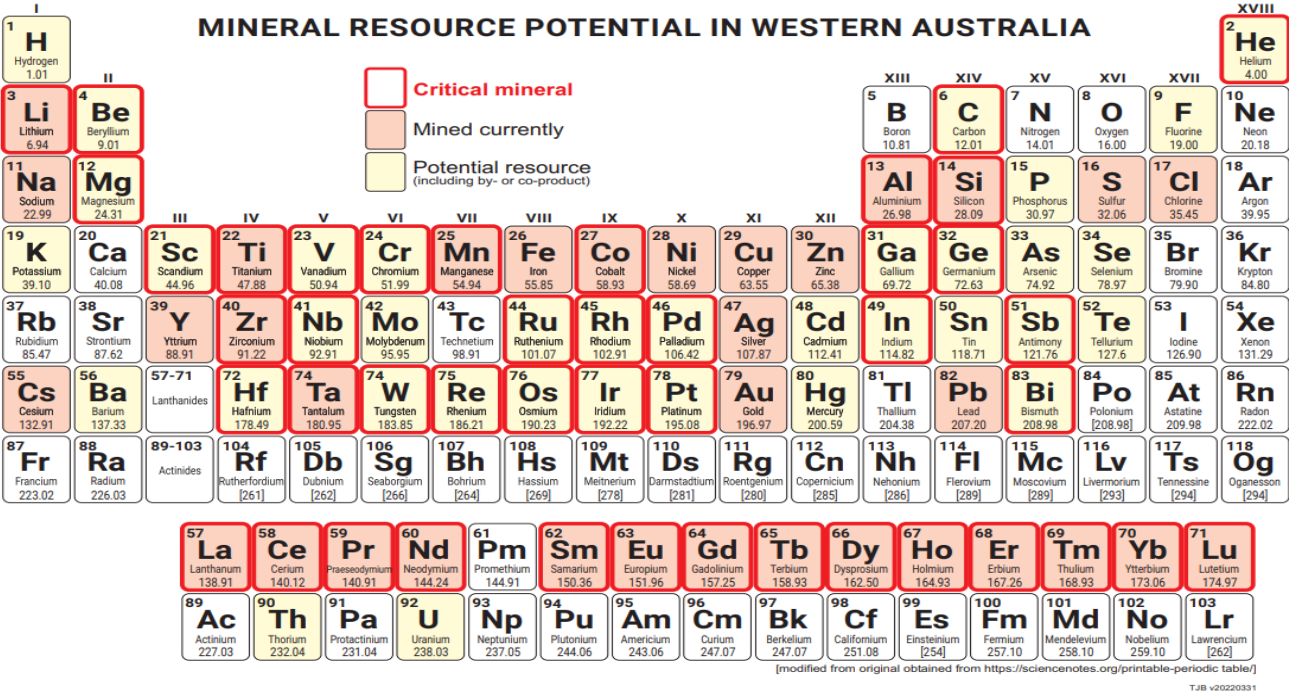
Western Australia's key midstream investments



Ready markets for WA critical minerals

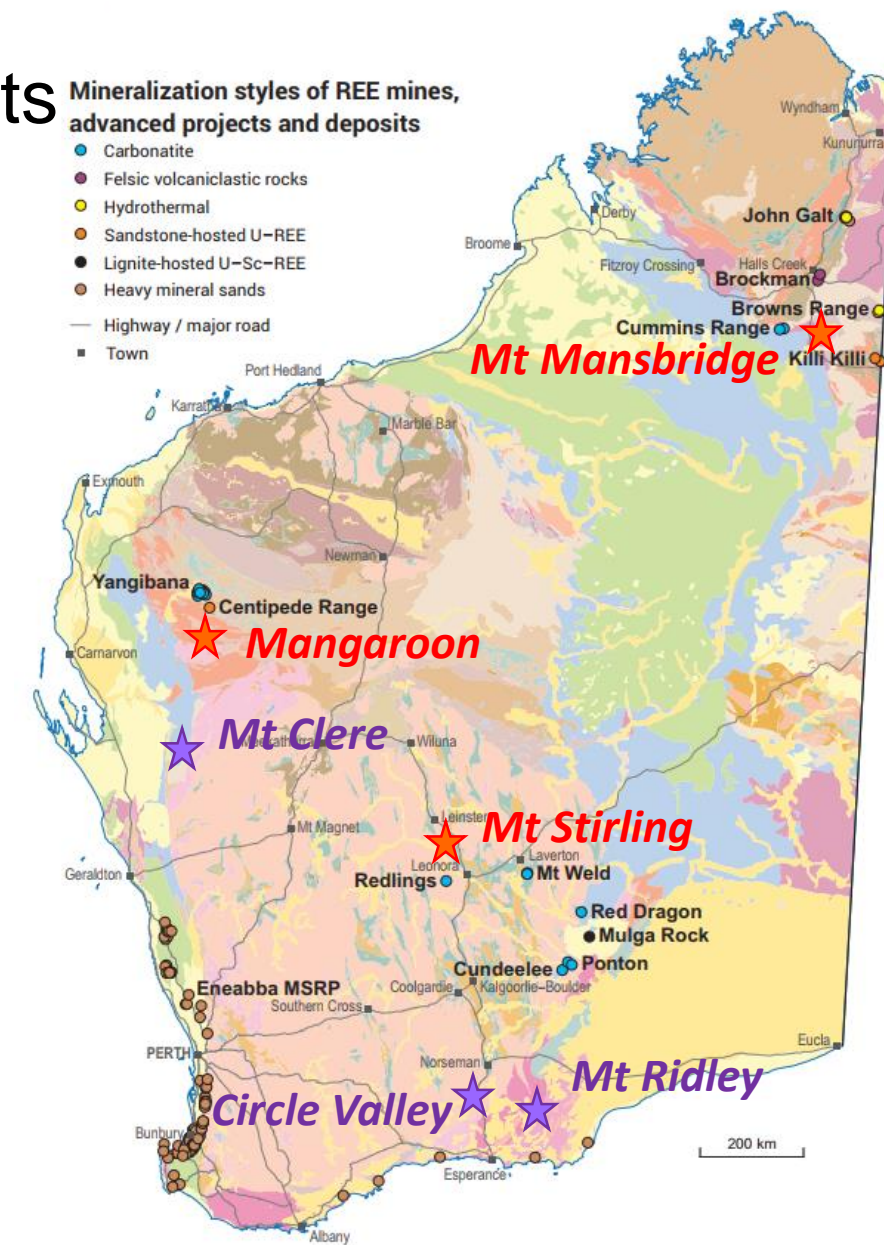
			
	WA	Critical Mineral	Japan
By-product		Chromium	
		Cobalt	
		Rubidium	
		Lithium	
		Nickel	
		Magnesium	
		Manganese	
		Platinum Group Elements	
		Rare Earth Elements	
		Silicon	
		Tantalum	
		Titanium	
		Tungsten	
		Vanadium	
		Zirconium	
Mines			
Resources			

Operating Proposed Selected critical minerals listed by Japan



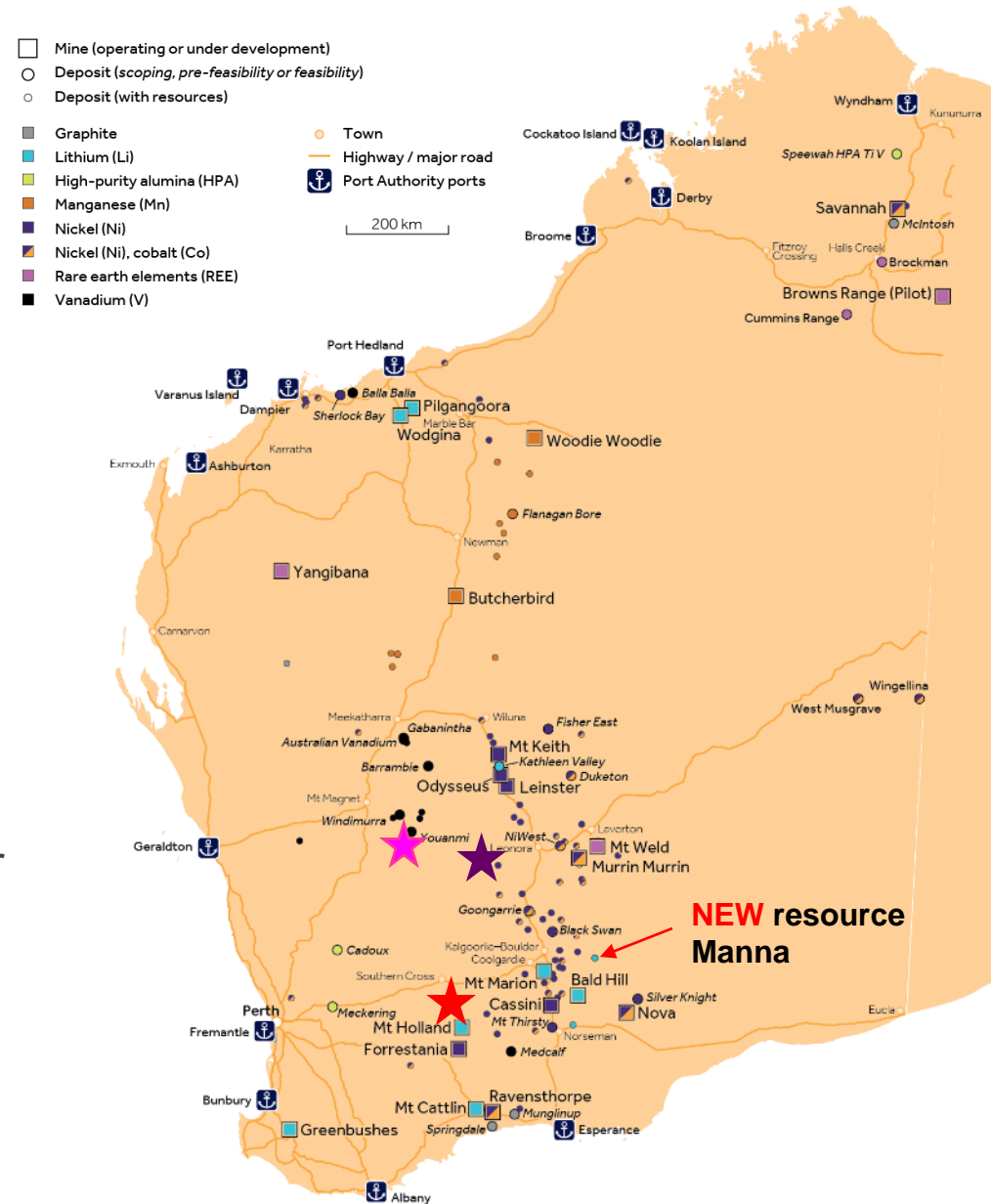
Meeting global demand for rare earth elements

- 4th largest global producer of rare earths
- Mining and processing:
 - Operating – Mt Weld (Lynas)
 - Under development – Yangibana (Hastings)
 - 3 new processing plants planned for Mt Weld, Yangibana and Iluka's Eneabba MSRP
- Resources
 - Resources: 219 Mt @ 1.83% TREO
 - Reserves: 37 Mt @ 4.72% TREO
- Exploration
 - ★ • Several recent discoveries including:
 - Dreadnought Resources Mangaroon project
 - ★ • New style of mineralisation discovered – ionic clay adsorption



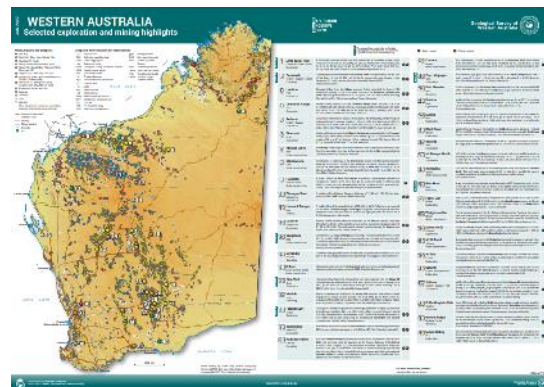
Lithium exploration highlights in 2022

- World's largest Lithium producer
 - 1.6 million tonnes sold in 2021–22 from 5 mines
- 2nd largest reserves globally (USGS 2022):
 - 829 million tonnes @ 1.39% Li_2O
 - New resource announced for Manna (Global Lithium)
- Associated with lithium-caesium-tantalum (LCT) bearing pegmatites
- Exploration is booming
 - ★ • Mt Ida (Red Dirt Metals) aiming for a maiden resource this year
- New discoveries
 - ★ • Manindi project (Metals Australia) + rubidium
 - ★ • Split Rocks project (Zenith Minerals)

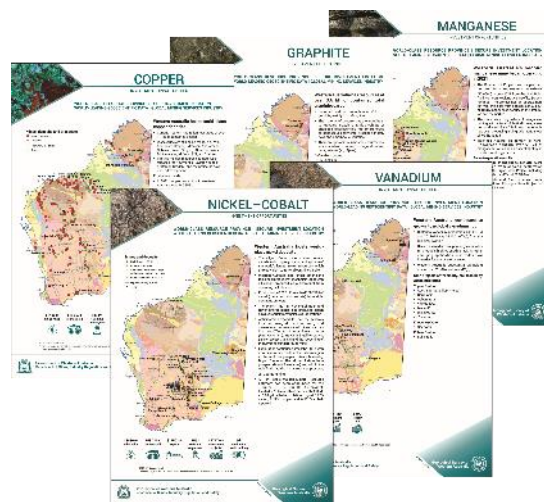


For more WA mining and exploration highlights in 2022

- Exploration and mining highlights January/July 2022
- Western Australia battery and critical minerals strategy



- Commodity flyers



- Western Australia battery and critical minerals prospectus June 2022 (Japanese)



Western Australia's investment opportunities

- Access to reliable, ethical and cost-effective critical minerals
- ESG credibility
- Co-location with Western Australia's resources sector
- Decarbonisation commitments
- Close proximity to Asia creating export market opportunity
- A long, stable partnership between Western Australia and Japan
- Government commitment – WA Strategy & National Battery and Critical Mineral Strategy



Signing Ceremony of MOU in the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation of WA State 2020 (Ms. Rebecca Brown, Director General, WA State and Mr. Tetsuhiro Hosono, Chairman & CEO, JOGMEC)



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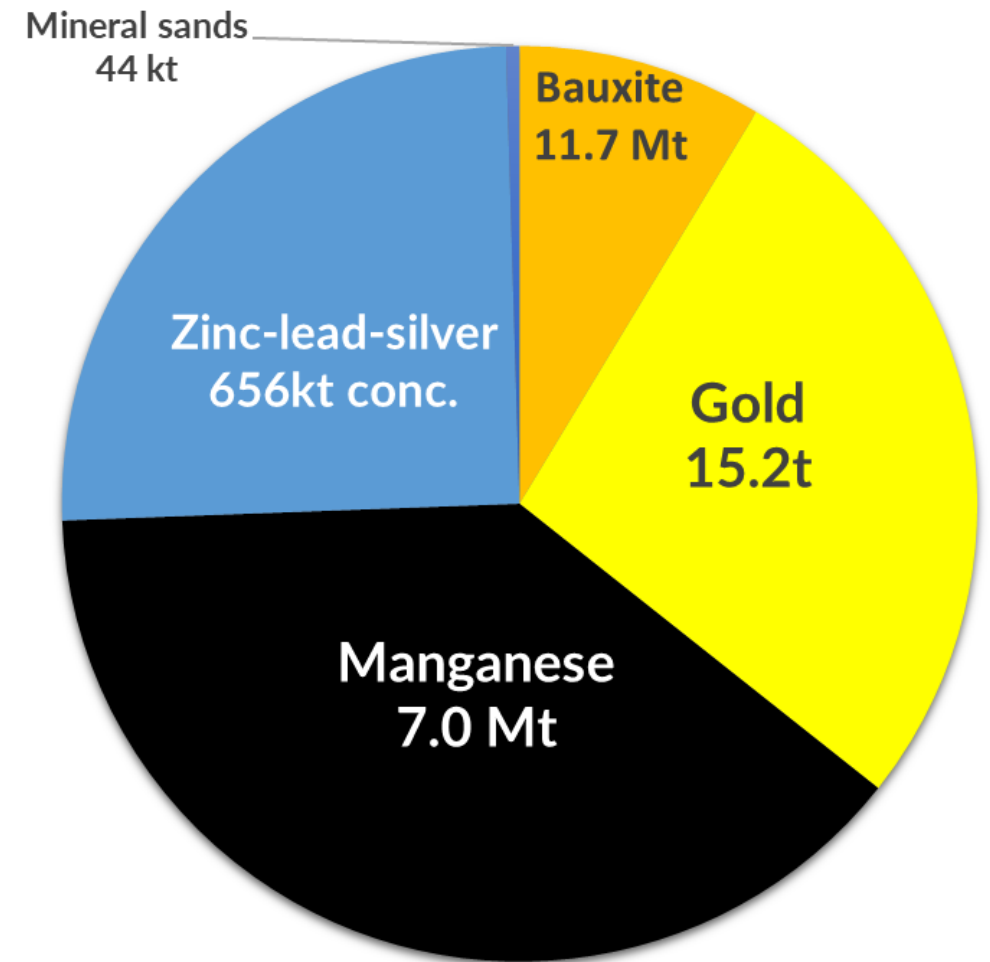
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Northern Territory's minerals sector

- The Northern Territory is a major producer of manganese, bauxite, lead-zinc-silver, gold and LNG
- The Territory's mining sector is set to expand into critical minerals and copper
- The Territory's first lithium mine is commencing production
- There are 21 projects in the approvals or financing process, primarily for copper, gold and/or critical minerals
- Exploration is booming for copper across the Northern Territory, with increasing exploration for cobalt, lithium and nickel
- The Northern Territory Government has a strong focus on encouraging downstream processing of critical minerals

NT mineral production by value
2021/22



Northern Territory becomes a lithium producer

- **Core Lithium's Finnis** lithium project in advanced stage of construction

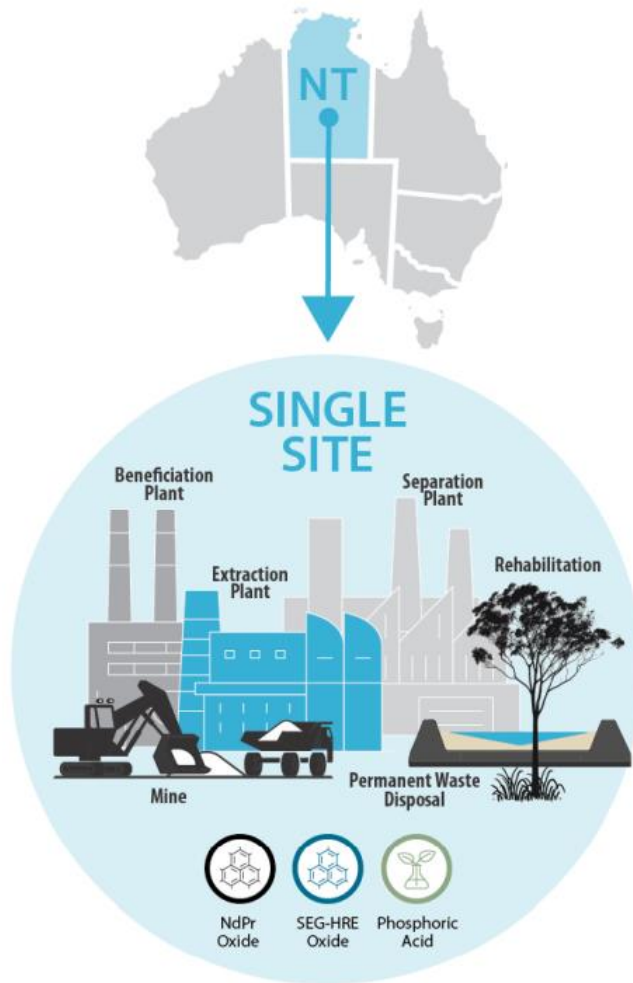


- Spodumene concentrate production by end of 2022
- Ongoing resource growth
- Current reserves support >12 year mine life
- 40,000m regional RC drilling campaign underway
- Substantial lithium exploration underway across NT
- Numerous companies commencing lithium exploration in Barrow Creek and Mount Peake pegmatite fields in central Australia

Advanced manufacturing onsite

– Ore to oxide at a single site –

First of its kind in Australia



Nolans NdPr project approaching FID

Arafura Resources – Nolans

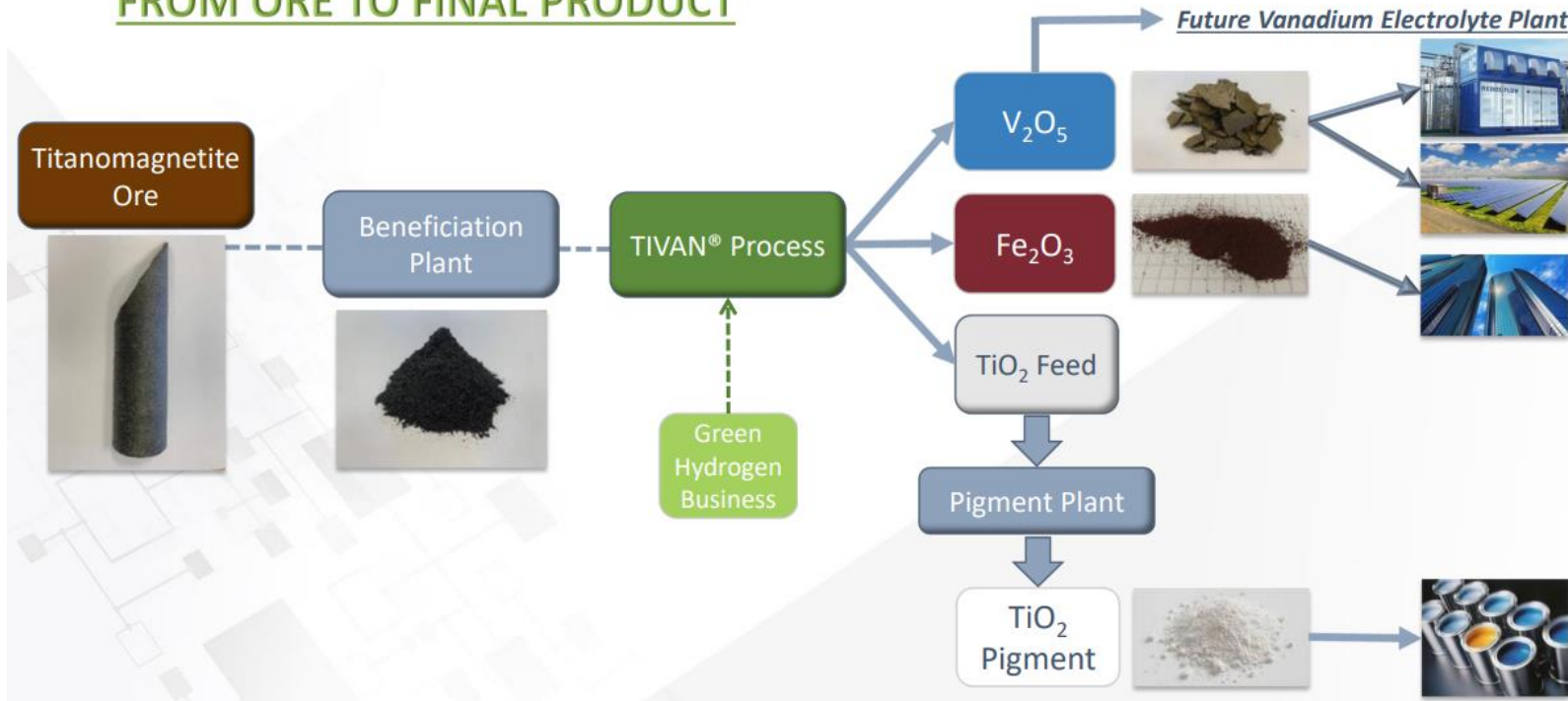
- World-class resource of magnet-feed rare earths (NdPr), >39 year mine life
- On-site downstream processing to produce separated rare earth products (including NdPr oxide) and phosphoric acid
- \$300M in letters of support for funding from Australian Government concessional loan facilities
- MOUs for offtake signed with Hyundai Motor Co and GE Renewable Energy
- Environmental approvals in place, mining lease granted, final mining approvals under assessment
- Targeting FID before end 2022; production by 2025
- Exploration for rare earths increasing in central Australia, Pine Creek Orogen and Tennant Creek

Vanadium and titanium

TNG Ltd – Mount Peake

- Flat-lying, near surface vanadium-rich magnetite resource near railway, 200 km north of Alice Springs
- On-site processing planned using hydrometallurgical TIVAN process to produce high-purity vanadium pentoxide, titanium dioxide pigment and ferric oxide fines

FROM ORE TO FINAL PRODUCT



Recent updates:

- Environmental and mining approvals being amended for revised single-site project configuration
- \$800M in letters of intent from Australian, German and Korean export credit agencies
- FID planned for 2023

Other commodities

Phosphate (Avenira Ltd and Verdant Minerals Pty Ltd)

- Australia's largest undeveloped rock phosphate resources; potential for production of phosphoric acid, fertiliser and or precursors to LiFePO_4 batteries
- MoU signed September 2022 between Avenira Ltd, Aleees (Taiwanese cathode manufacturer) and NT Government regarding LiFePO_4 cathode production in Darwin

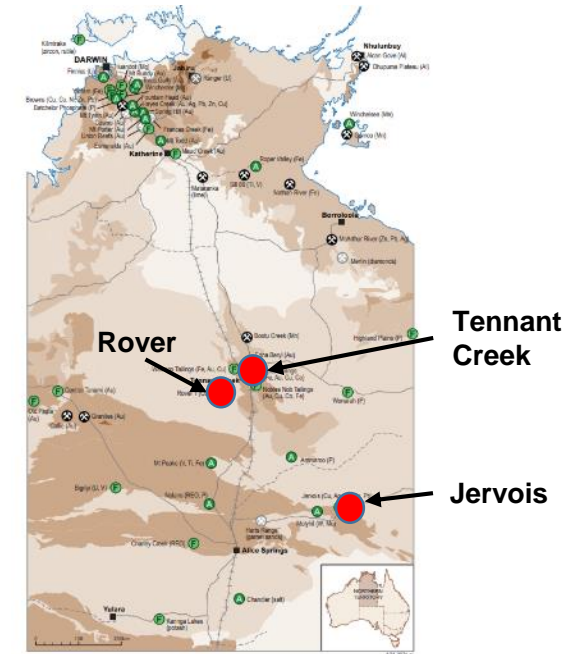


Cobalt

- Significant cobalt associated with copper-gold deposits at Tennant Creek
- Castile Resources planning production of cobalt metal from planned Rover 1 mine
- Elmore Ltd planning to extract 1600 t of cobalt from tailings at Peko (Tennant Creek) from early 2023

Copper

- KGL Resources approaching FID on Jervois copper project
- Exploration for sediment-hosted copper (-cobalt) booming in Proterozoic basins





Strong NT Government support for resources exploration and development

RESOURCING THE TERRITORY

A\$9.5 million per year, ongoing initiative to support resource exploration, commencing July 2022

Recent highlights

- \$3.04 million in grants awarded to co-fund 29 exploration projects in 2022 (including drilling, geophysics and innovative exploration targeting)
- 57,000 km² gravity survey acquired to support undercover copper-gold and sediment-hosted copper and zinc exploration
- New project commenced to sample mine waste for critical minerals potential





The Northern Territory welcomes Japanese investment in our resources sector

- The Northern Territory is the home of Japan's largest single overseas investment – INPEX LNG in Darwin
- The Northern Territory sees Japan as a stable, trusted and reliable partner for the development of our mineral resources, and the establishment of secure supply chains for critical minerals

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New South Wales

Critical Minerals Opportunities

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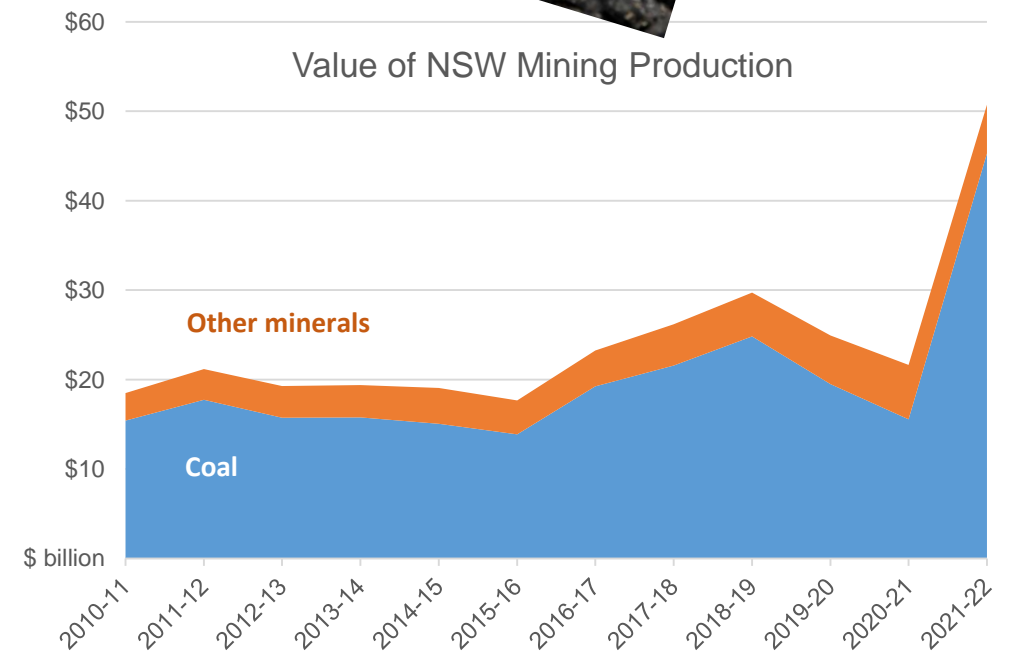
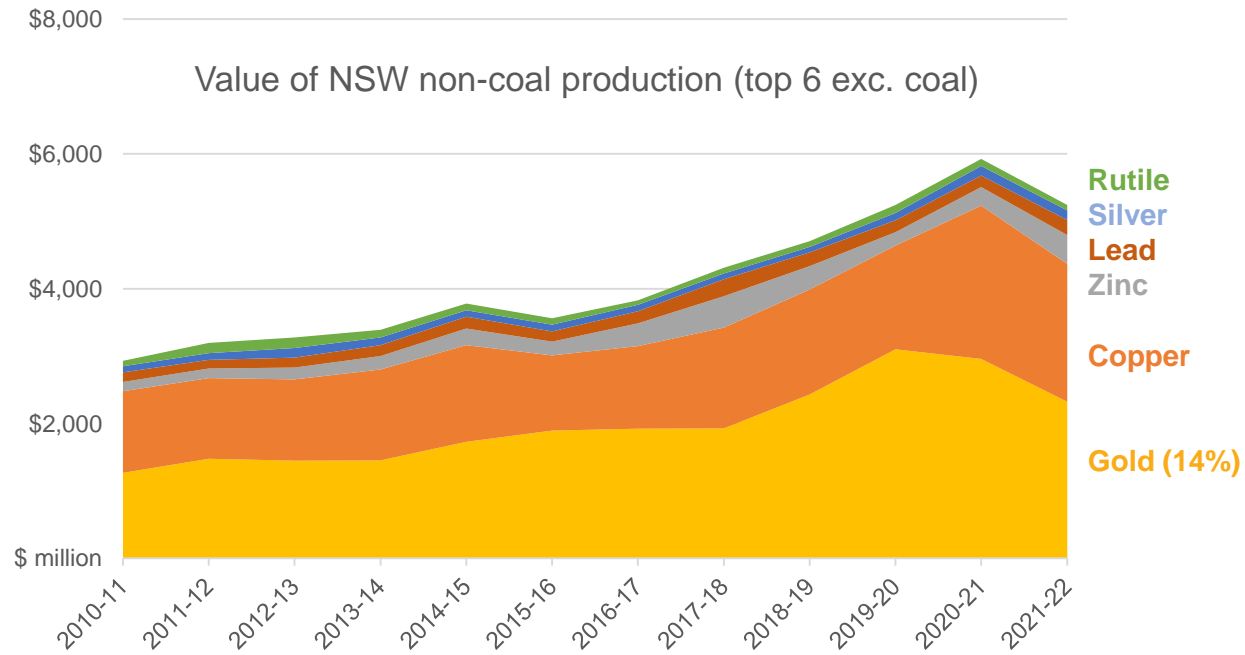
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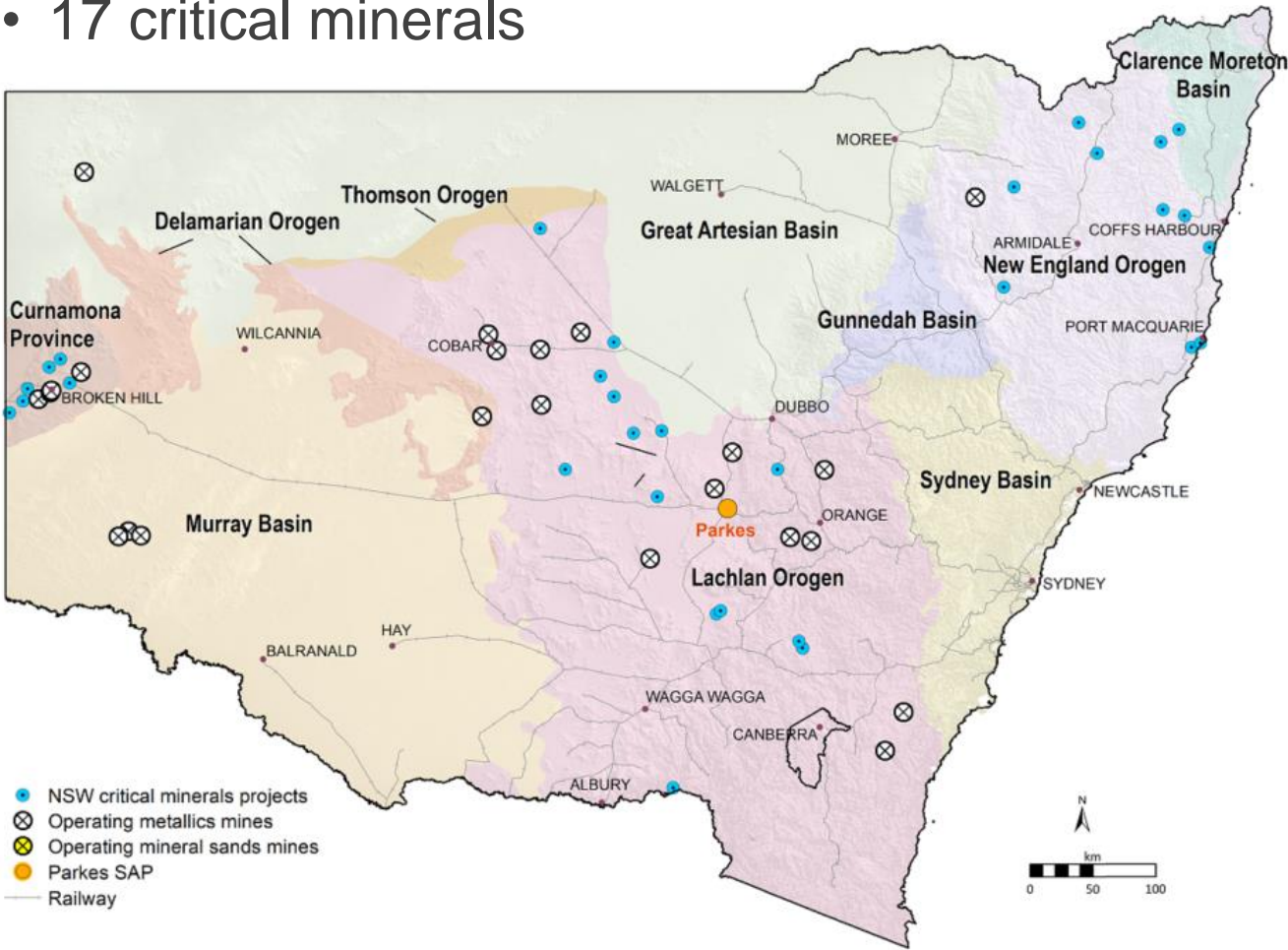


The NSW minerals industry



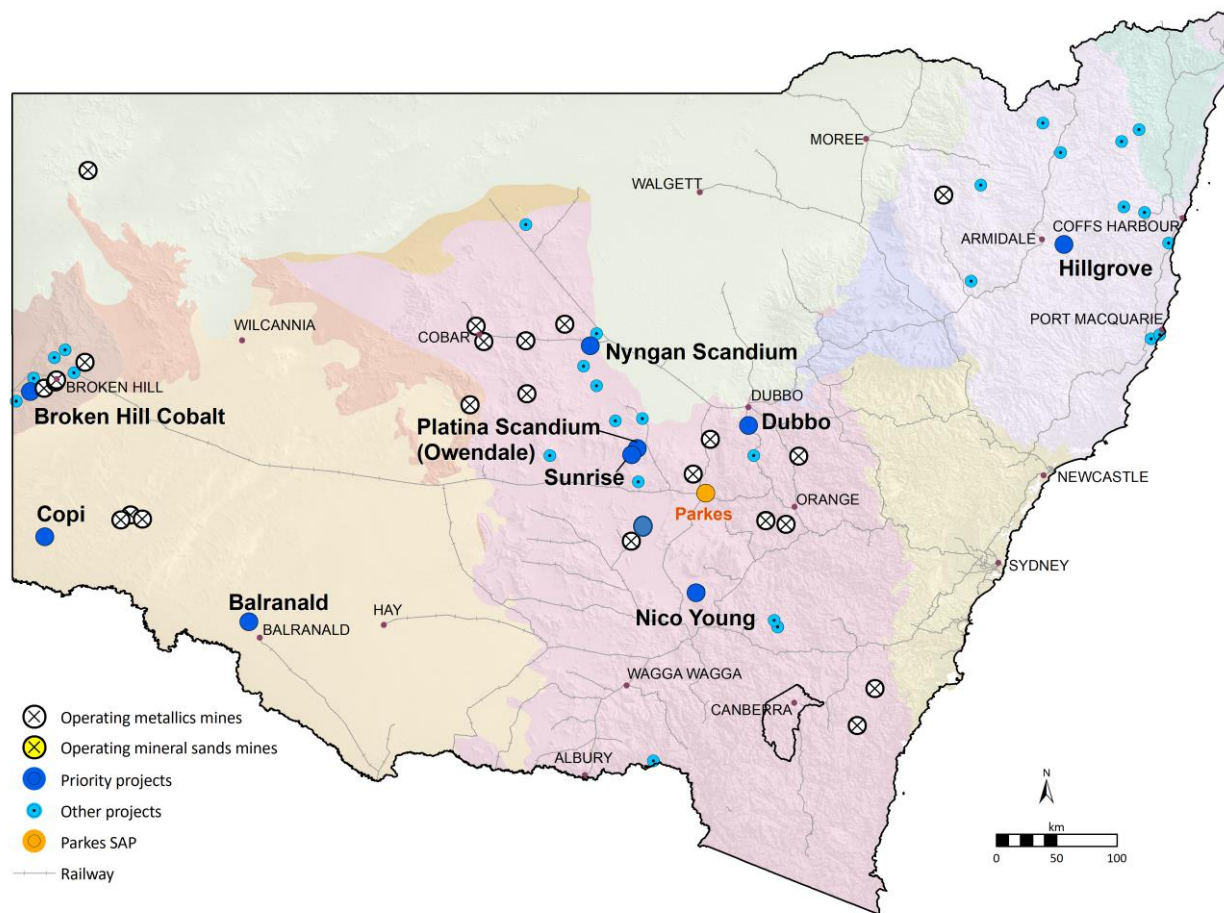
Critical Minerals in NSW

- 44 critical mineral projects including nine advanced
- 17 critical minerals



Broken Hill	Murray Basin	Lachlan Orogen	New England
Cobalt PGE Tungsten	Titanium Zirconium	Bismuth Cobalt Gallium Hafnium Indium Lithium Magnesium Niobium PGE REE Rhenium Scandium Tantalum Tungsten Zirconium	Antimony Cobalt Indium PGE Scandium Tungsten

Investment-ready projects



Project	Company	Stage	Critical Minerals
Nyngan Scandium	Scandium International Mining	Approved	Sc (LREE)
Balranald	Iluka Resources	Approved	Minerals sands (Ti, Zr)
Dubbo Project	Australian Strategic Materials	Approved	REE (+ Zr, Nb, Hf, Ta)
Sunrise	Sunrise Energy Metals	Approved	Co, Sc
Hillgrove	Red River Resources	Approved, undergoing options study	Sb
Broken Hill Cobalt Project	Cobalt Blue Holdings	Progressing development consent application. BFS underway	Co
Platina Scandium	Platina Resources	Progressing development consent application	Sc
Copi	RZ Resources	Progressing development consent application	Minerals sands (Ti, Zr)
Nico Young	Jervois Global	Feasibility – advanced exploration	Ni, Co

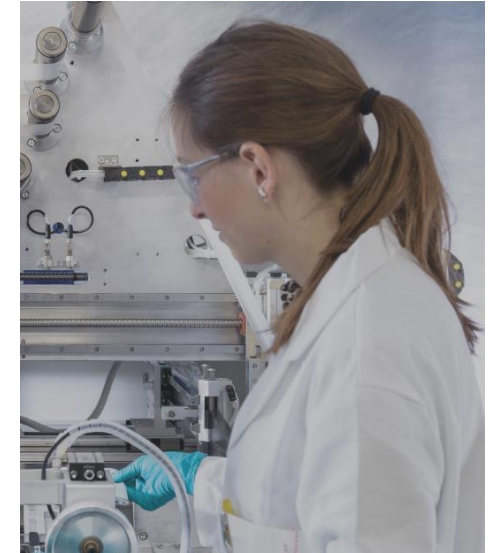
NSW Government incentives and support across the supply chain

Helping explorers target new discoveries through regional-scale geophysical surveys, the largest ever in NSW

Supporting early stage exploration through the AU\$1.5 million revamped New Frontiers Exploration Program

AU\$130 million Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Activation Fund to accelerate project development

Supporting industry through the planning and approvals process, investment attraction and facilitation service



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Victoria's Critical Minerals

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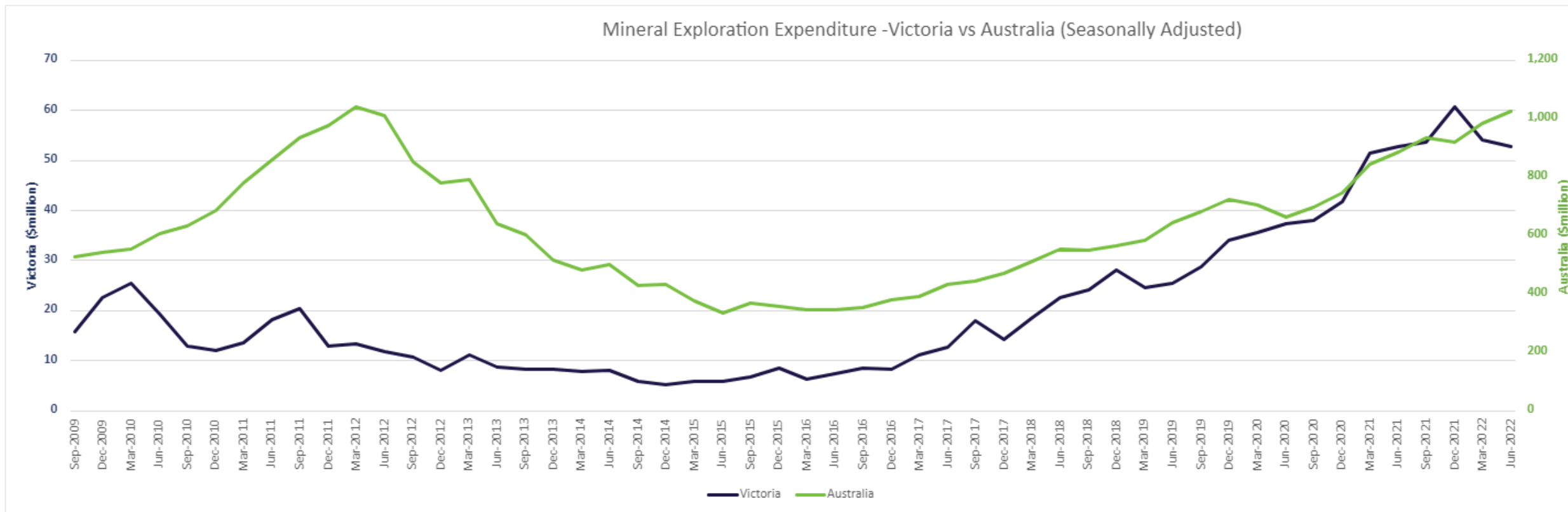


Victorian Government Mineral Resources Strategy

1. Confident communities and responsible explorers
2. Advancing geoscience and encouraging mineral exploration and development
3. Victoria as a global mining hub
4. Improve regulation practice and industry compliance
5. Deliver modern, fit-for-purpose laws

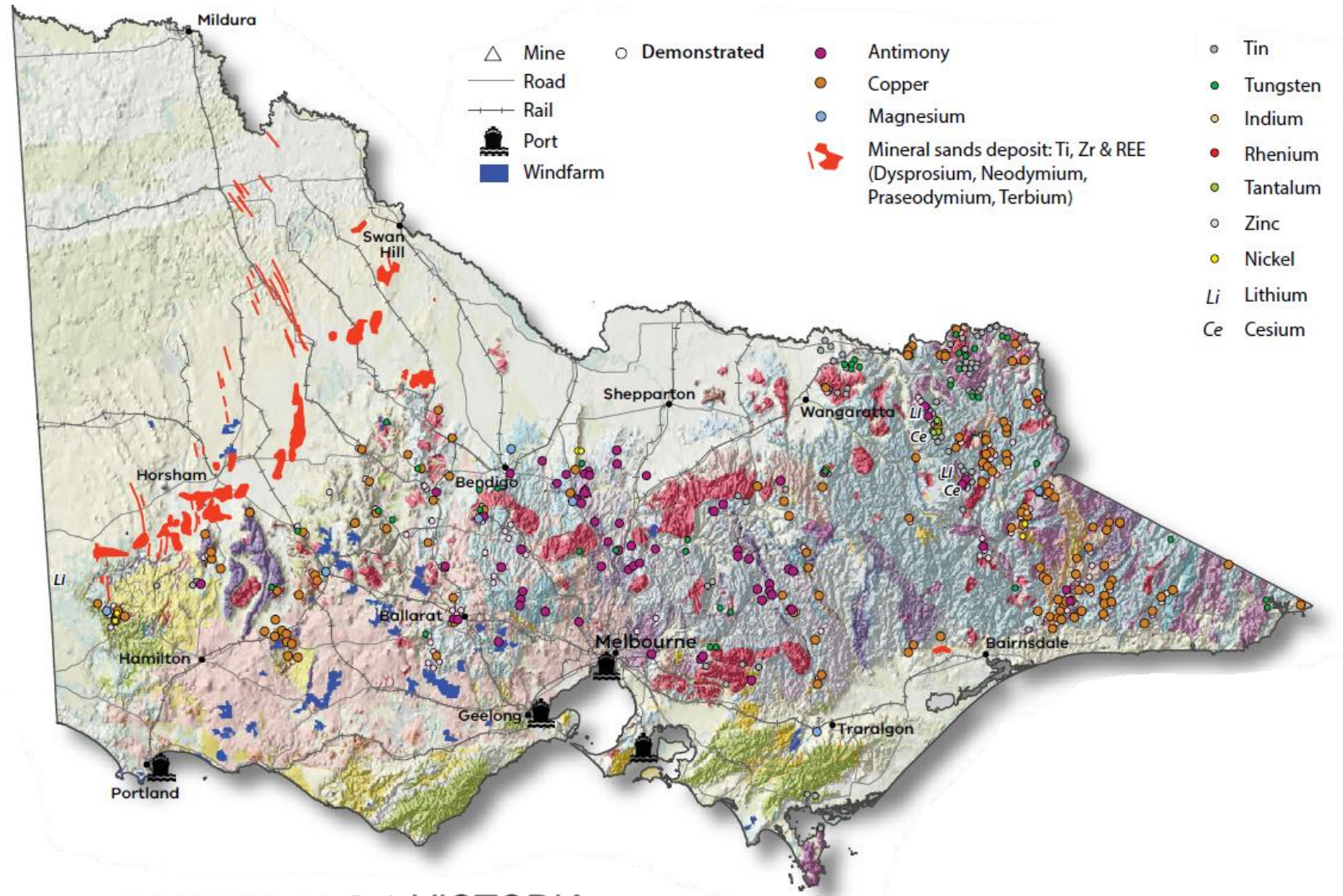


Victoria – Unprecedented Mineral Exploration Investment



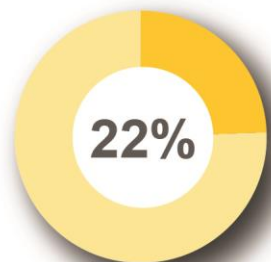
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Critical Minerals in Victoria

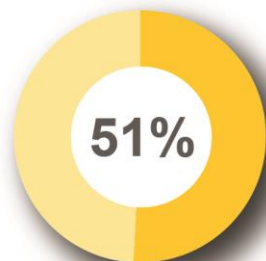


Western Victoria Mineral Sands

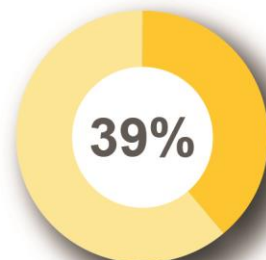
Victoria's
share of
Australia's
mineral sands



Ilmenite



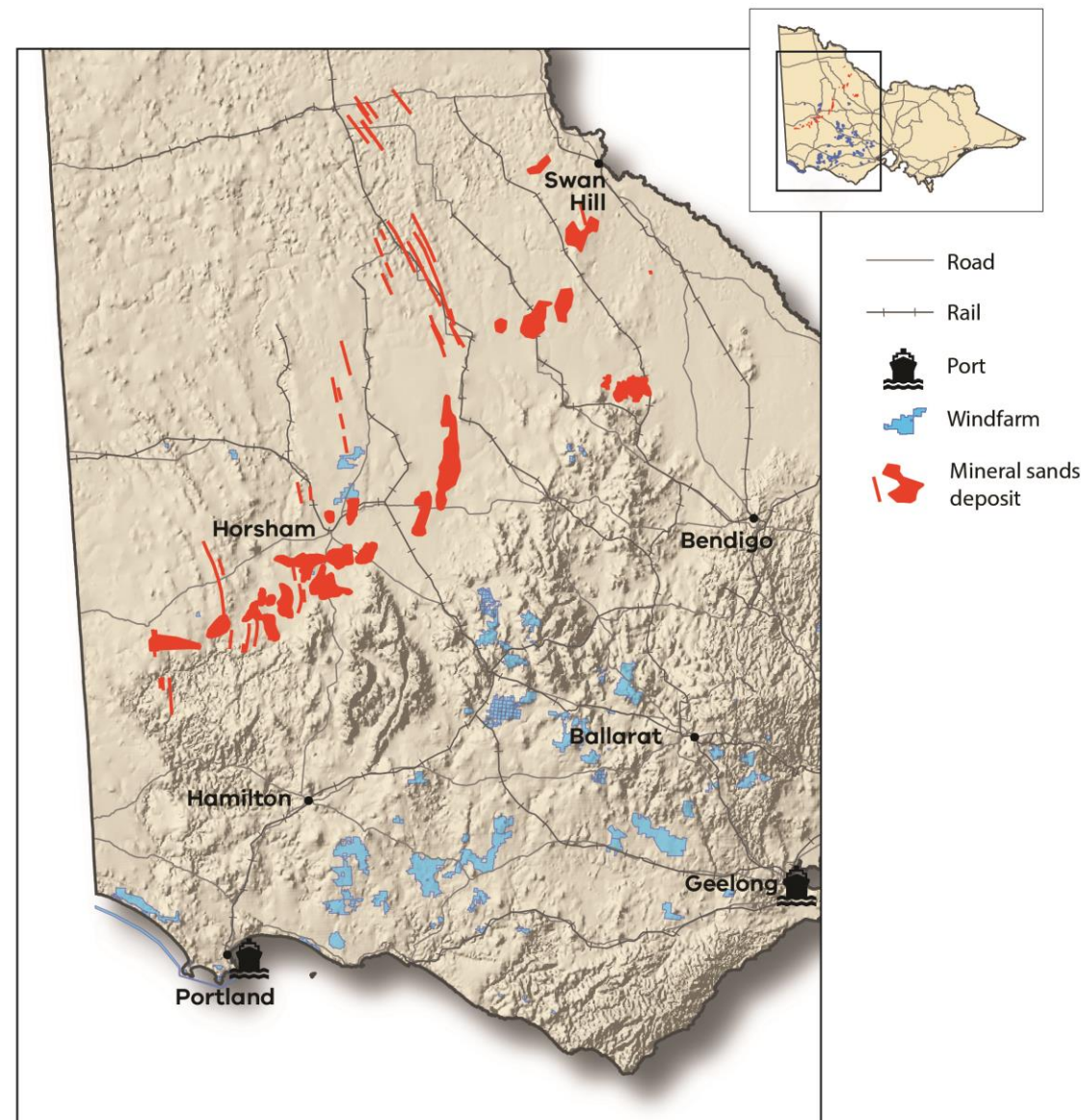
Rutile



Zircon

Source: Geoscience Australia
& Minerals Council of Australia¹

More information, including resources and reserves:
[Australian Critical Mineral Prospectus 2021](#)



Rare Earth Elements

Murray Basin – Heavy Mineral Sands

West / Northwest Victoria

- Excellent infrastructure, existing route to market
- Potential renewable energy offtake opportunities
- Multiple long-life deposits, billions of tonnes each

Composition

- zircon, ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, monazite, xenotime
 - **Heavy REE (e.g. dysprosium, terbium)**
 - **Light REE (e.g. neodymium, praseodymium)**

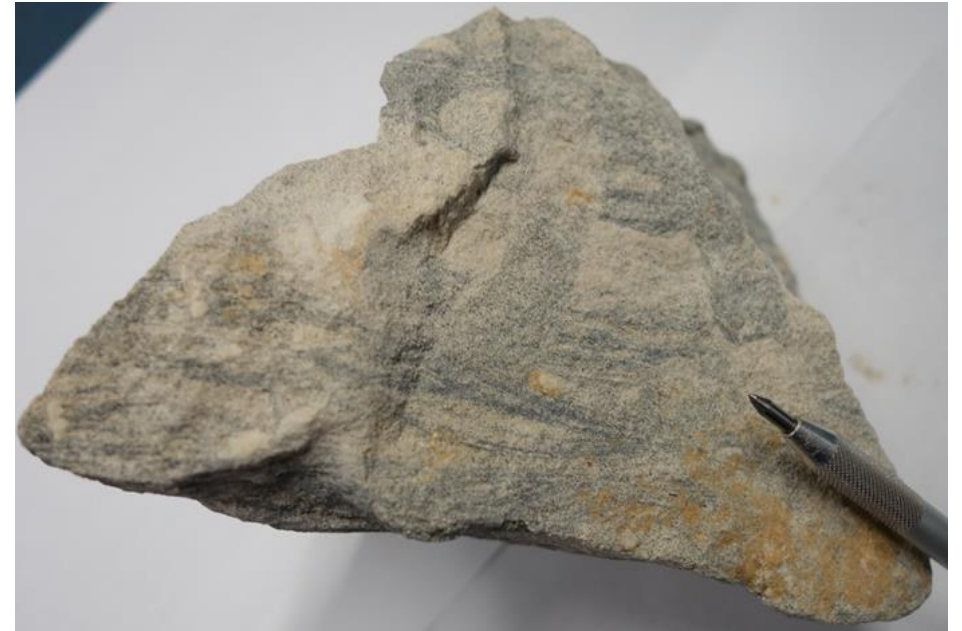
Gippsland Basin – Heavy Mineral Sands

Southeast Victoria

- Emerging province

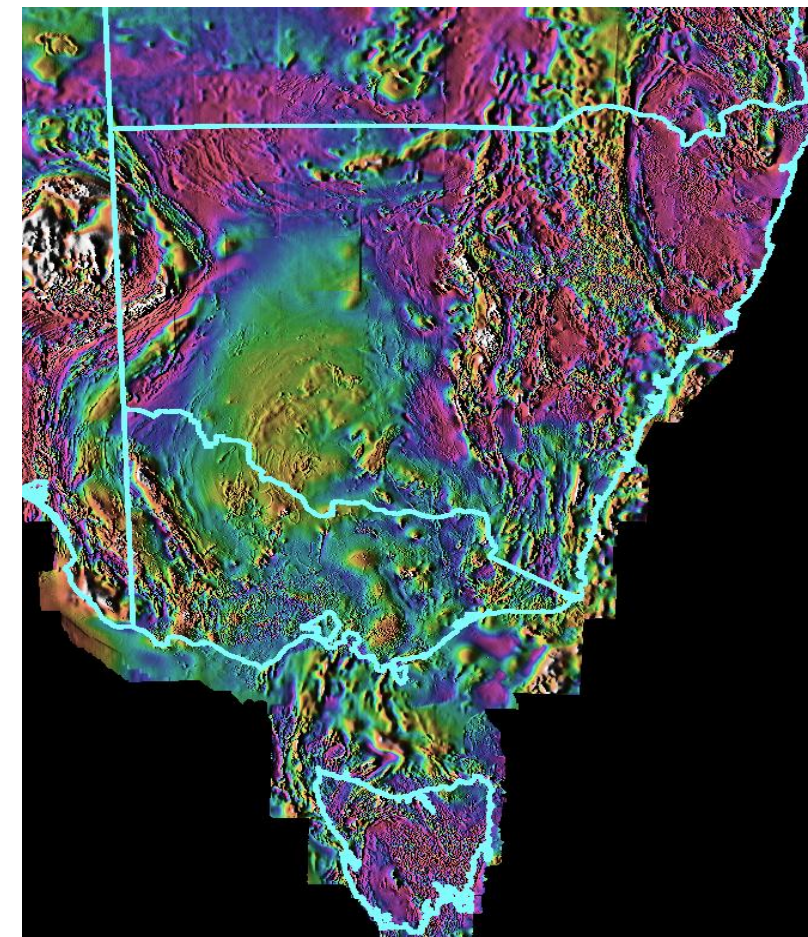
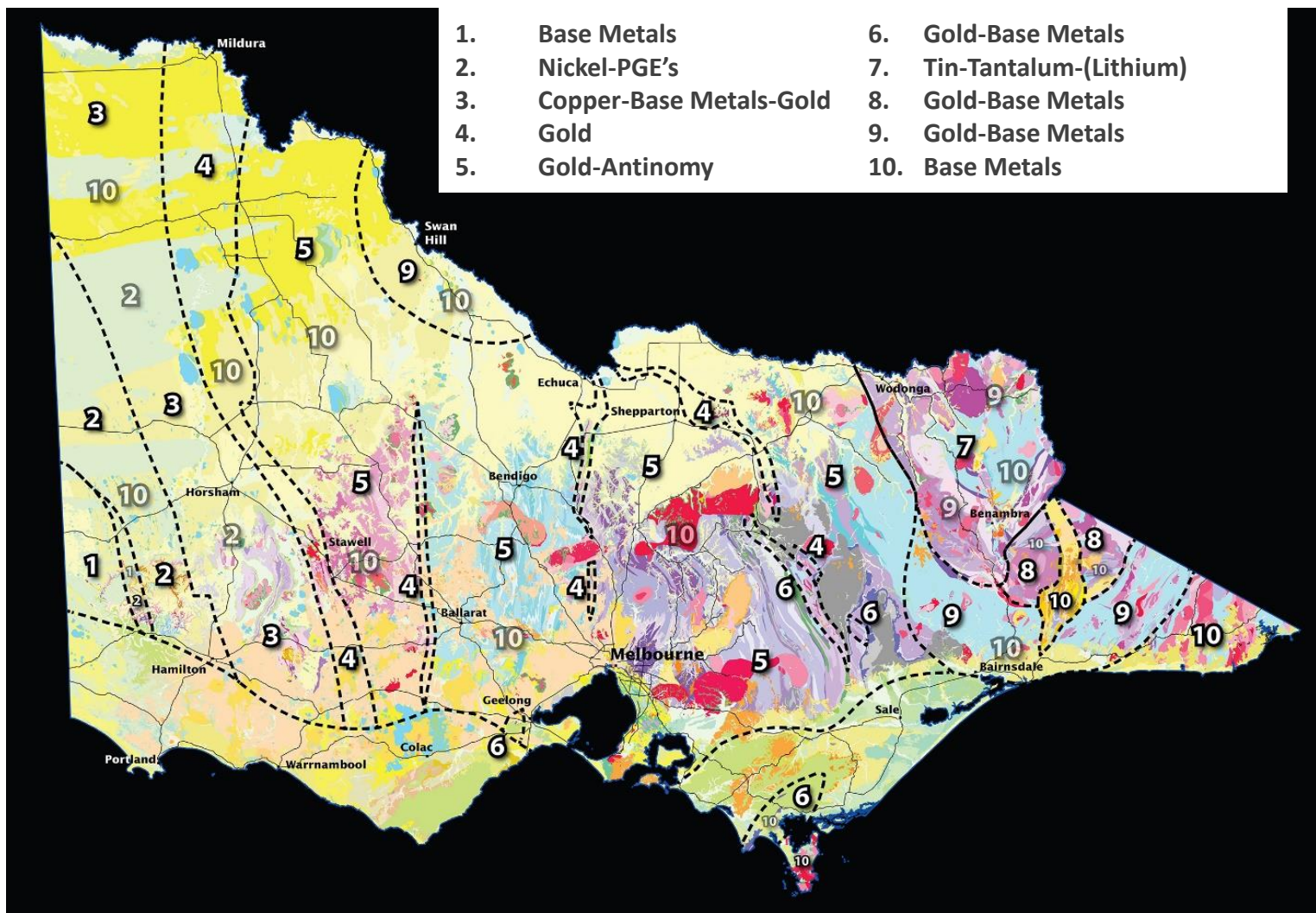
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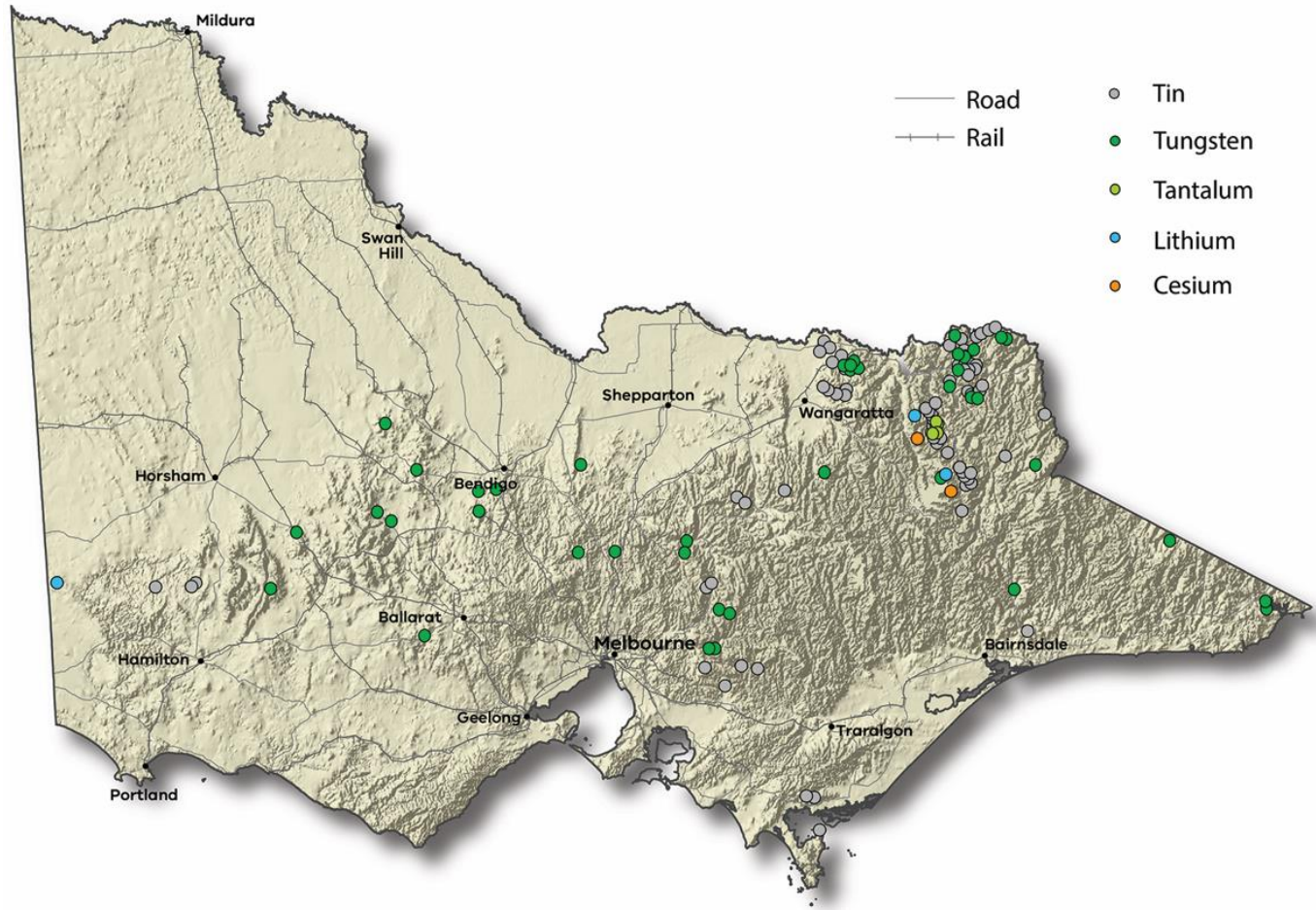
Murray Basin Mineral Sand Sample

Victorian Mineral Systems Model – Driving Critical Minerals Exploration



Total Magnetic Intensity

Lithium (Cesium, Tin, Tantalum)



Lithium-Cesium-Tantalum

Pegmatite dykes

Petalite, Spodumene

Early-stage exploration

Tin

Historical production

Tungsten

Historical production

*Dorchap North Pegmatite
dyke with large (14x7cm)
petalite crystals*



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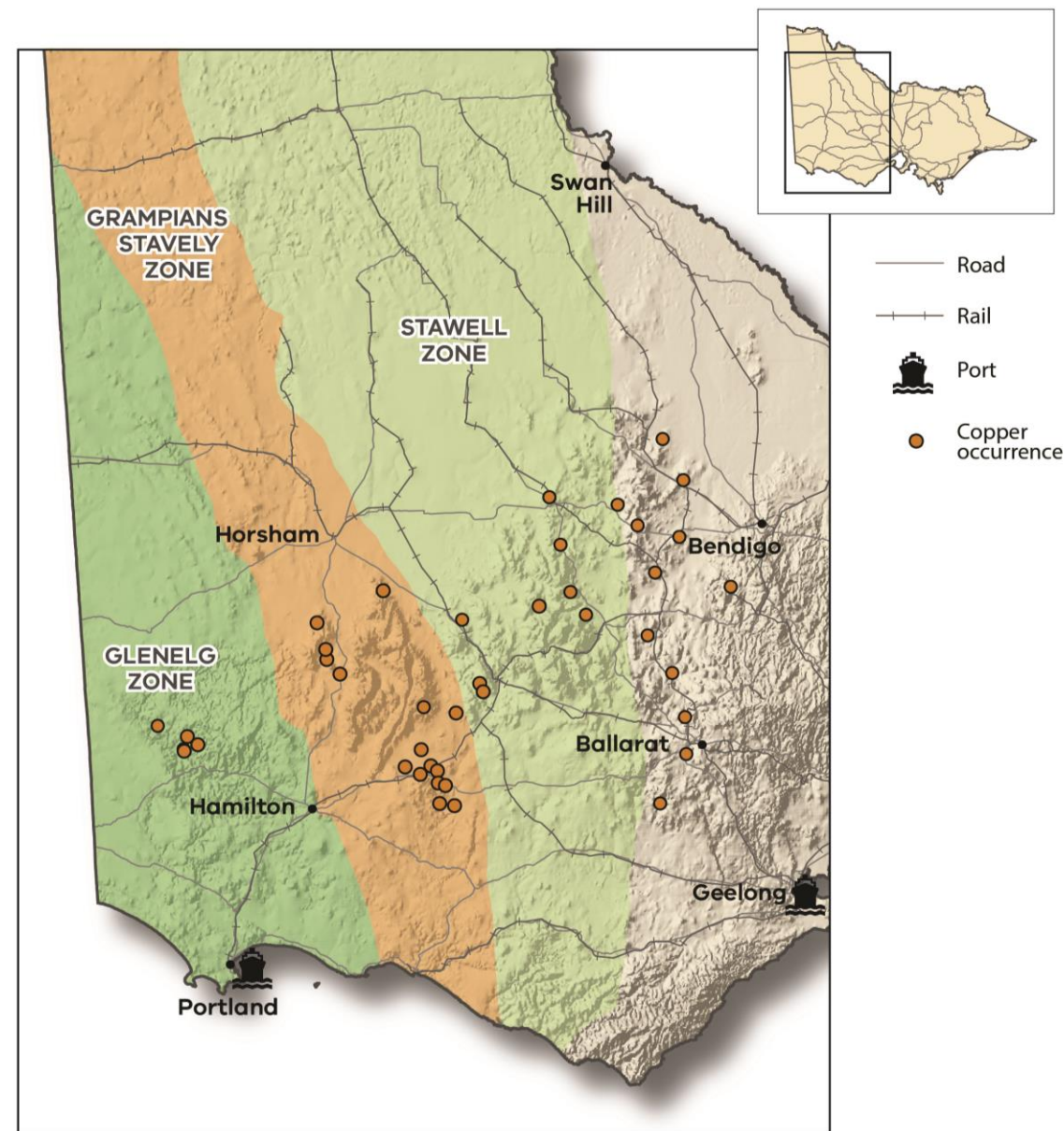
Emerging Copper Province



Stavely Minerals Hole SMD050 from 62 m:
32 m @ 5.88% Cu, 1 g/t Au and 58 g/t Ag including
2 m @ 40% Cu, 3 g/t Au, 517 g/t Ag*



Hematite-specular hematite-magnetite-quartz-
chalcopyrite @ 423.5m
Stavely Minerals Hole SMD182 from 421 m:
10.4 m @ 4.34% Cu, 3.17 g/t Au, 11 g/t Ag*



*Stavely Minerals ASX Release - RIU Sydney Resources Round-up Presentation 05/05/22

The Stavelly Arc

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Pre-competitive data, 22 reports

3D geology (structural) model

Presentations

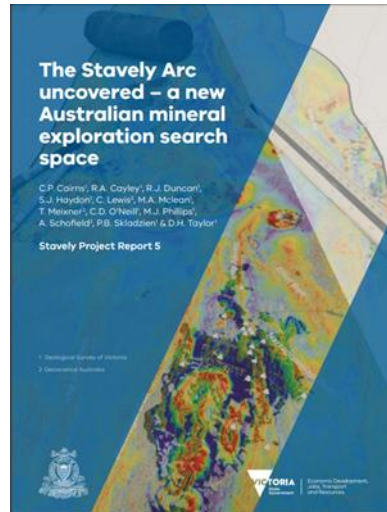
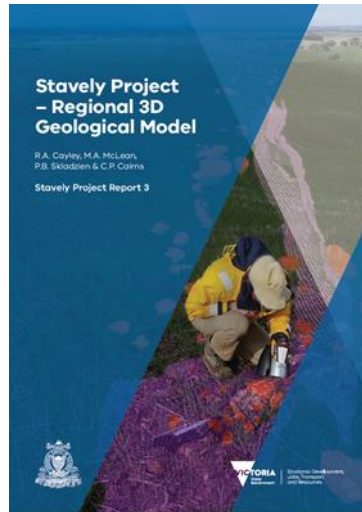
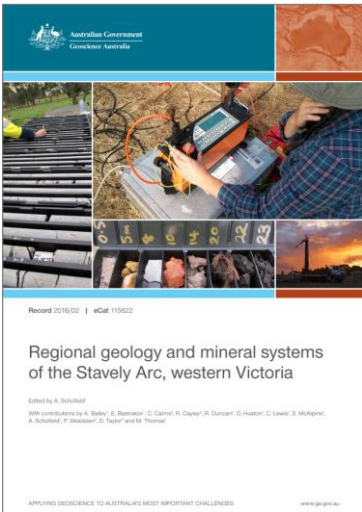
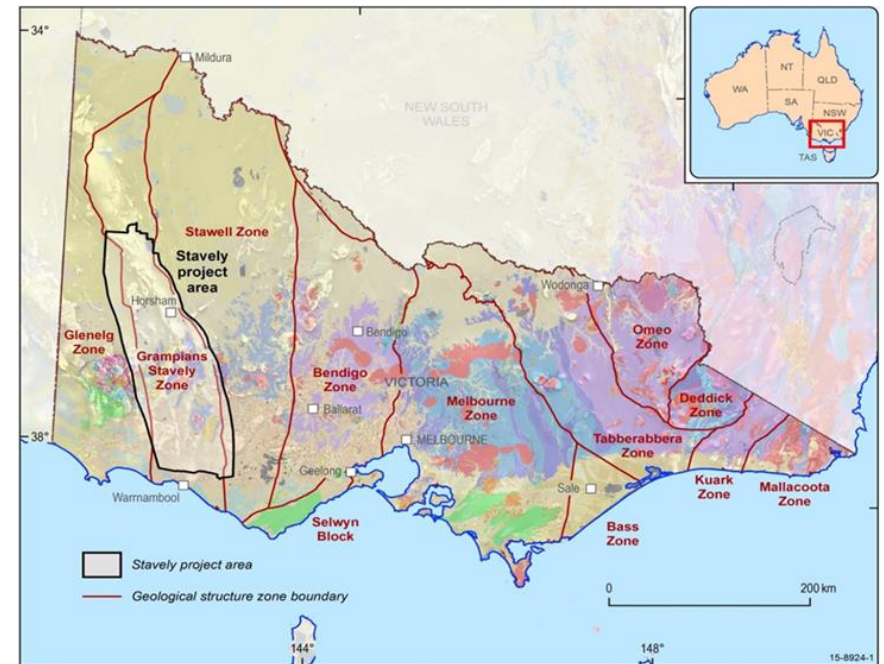
Short film

Applied research for exploration under cover

Geophysics – predicting depth of cover

Hydrogeochemistry – detecting mineral footprints

New drilling technology – RoXplorer® field trial



Victoria's Mining, Engineering, Technology Services (METS)

\$26B annual revenue (pre-COVID), 50% is generated in minerals and mining*

Highly skilled workforce exporting to Australia and internationally

Victorian METS have the highest median spend on research and development in Australia*



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* Austmine 2020 National METS survey

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Minerals investment opportunities in Tasmania

Tasmania 2022

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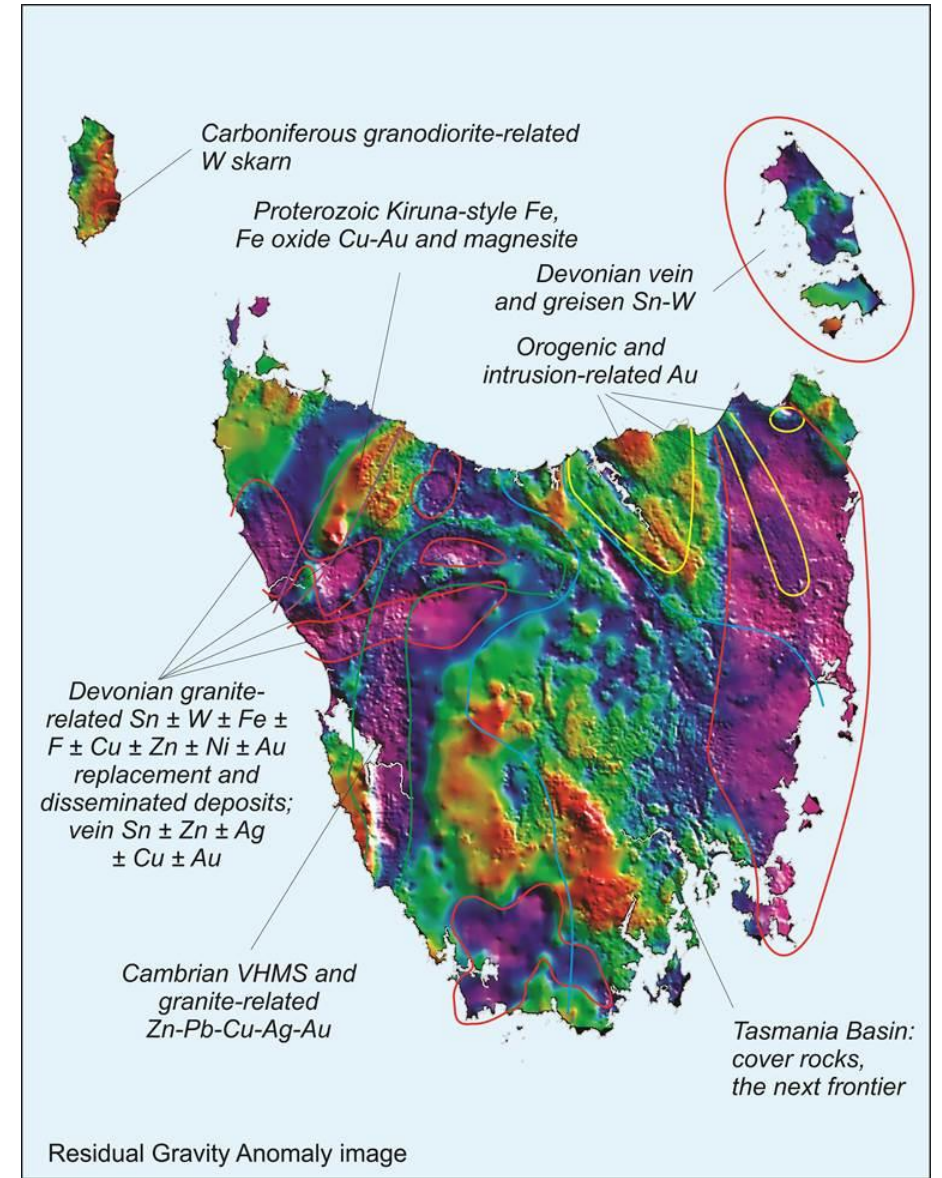


Why Tasmania?

Mineral endowment

Current **production** of, and projects for, diverse commodities:

- ***Cu, Zn, Pb***
- ***Au, Ag***
- ***Sn, W***
- ***Ni, Co, Li***
- ***REE***
- **Fe** (magnetite, hematite), Mg
- **Al** (bauxite)
- **Si** (silica flour)
- **Heavy mineral sands**
- **Coal**, oil, geothermal, hydrogen
- **Limestone, dolomite**

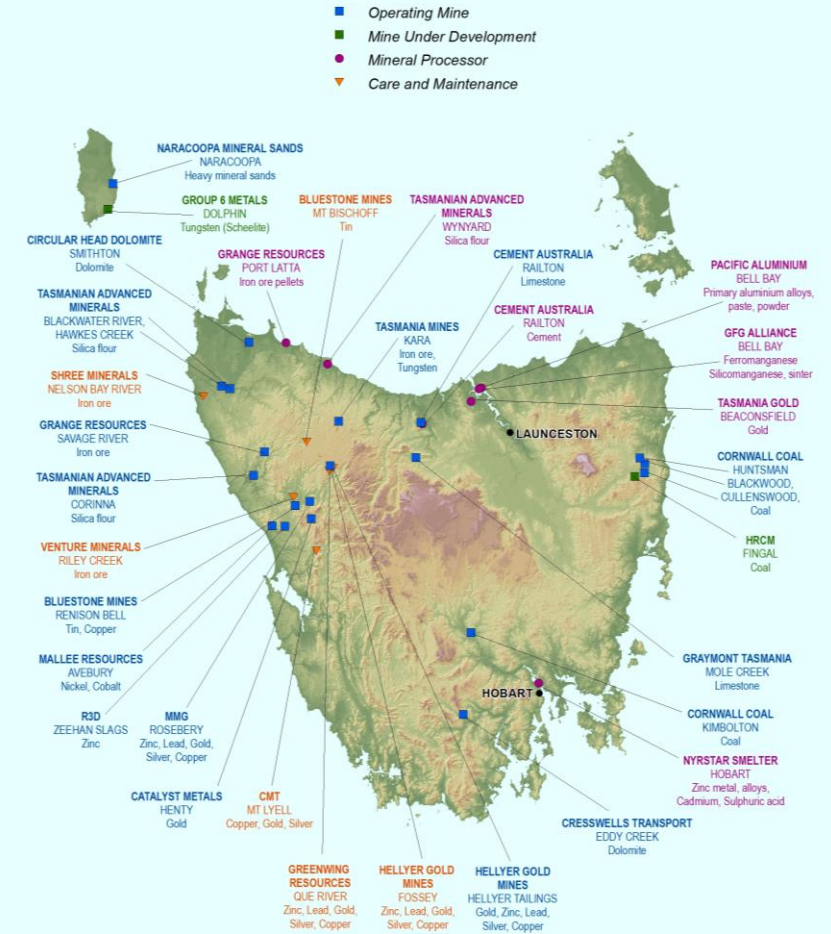


Setting

- Currently net zero emissions (2013–2020)
- 100 percent self-sufficient in renewable energy
- Aiming for 200 percent renewable energy supply by 2040 (wind, pumped-hydro)
- Hydrogen—green (multiple) and brown (one)—proposals
- Hydrogen—natural: exploration licence applications lodged
- Bell Bay Industrial precinct—adjacent to port facilities—preferred site for downstream processing & energy projects
- Capacity upgrades to rail and ports—funded by Government

Major Mining and Mineral Processing Operations

September 2022



Government facilitation and support

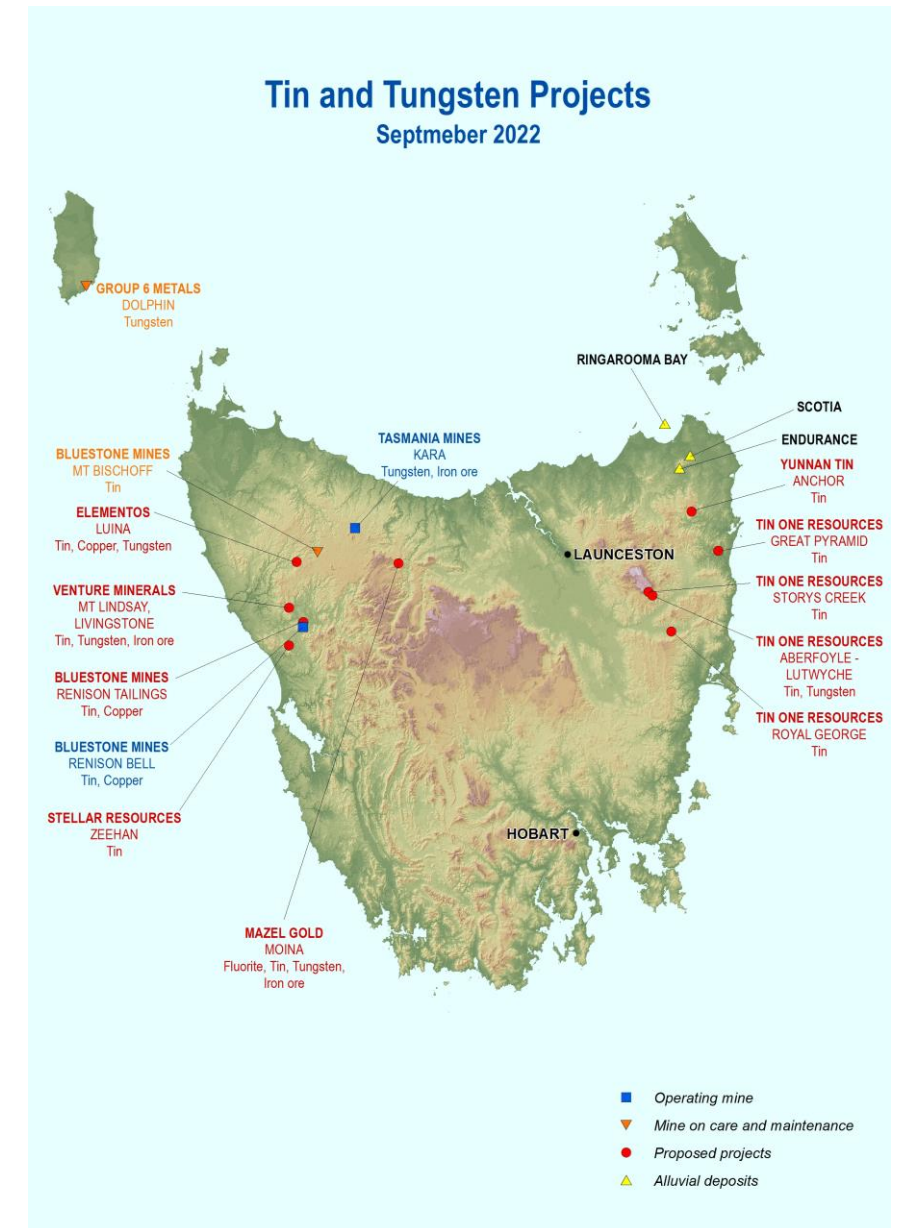
- Loans and other support, particularly for re-starting existing operations; e.g. \$10 million to King Island Scheelite
- Applications for support to independent Tasmania Development Board (TDB)
- Single point of contact for investment advice and coordination at Office of Coordinator General (www.cg.tas.gov.au)
- For Mineral tenements all processes, including environmental approvals for exploration, are managed by Mineral Resources Tasmania (www.mrt.tas.gov.au)
- Mining permits—issued by local government with input from State and (possibly) Commonwealth environmental agencies(www.epa.tas.gov.au)
- Government initiatives
 - \$2.0M pre-competitive Geoscience Initiative (2021–2025)
 - \$3.5M co-funded greenfield exploration drilling—EDGI (2018–2025)

Investment opportunities

Tin and Tungsten

80% and 20% of EDR, respectively

- Defined resources:
 - 540,000 t contained Sn (35% at Renison)
 - 183,000 t contained WO_3 (52% on King Island)
- Re-development of Dolphin commenced
- Opportunities:
 - Exploration (including existing mine sites)
 - Advanced Projects
 - Increased production (e.g. Kara)
 - Downstream processing (W)
 - Secondary prospectivity



Investment opportunities

Rare Earth Elements

Ionic adsorption Clay (IAC) type

Drilling program in northern Tasmania by ABx (EDGI support)

Exploration stage: no resources

TREE+Y = 500–1800 ppm; high Nd

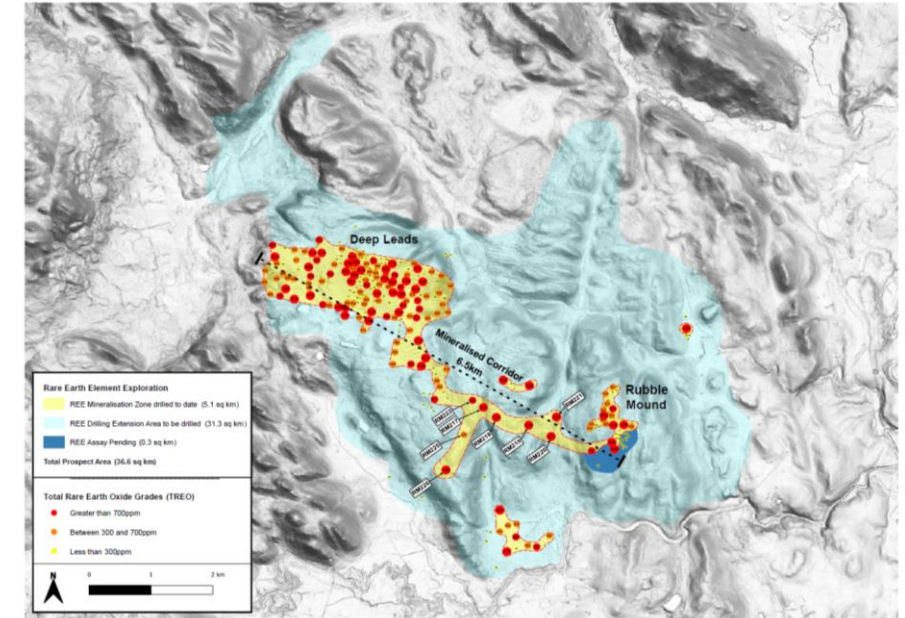
Initial test work indicates 50–75% recovery by leaching

Venture Minerals – Reward Sn Prospect Western Tasmania

Exploration stage: no resources

REE (La+Ce) in soils for Sn exploration

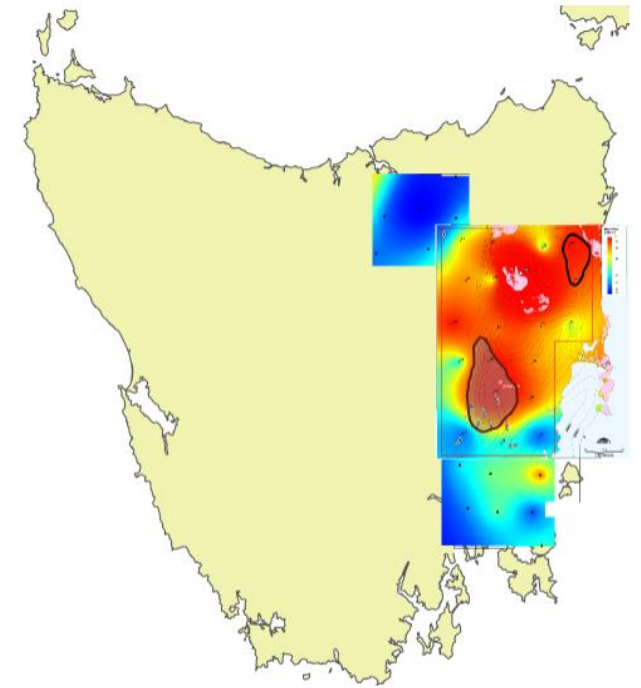
Re-assay drill pulps – 400–1800ppm TREE+Y; High Y



Investment opportunities

Lithium

- Li in brine – New exploration target for state
 - Based on previously defined geothermal anomalies/resources
 - Exploration yet to commence



Secondary prospectivity

- Lead/zinc – Hellyer gold mines (Tailings), R3D (slags)
- Rentails DFS in progress – 22 Mt reserve, Sn+Cu
- Other opportunities – Sn+Cu at Cleveland, Co at Mt Lyell and Savage River



Summary

- Diverse mineralisation with long-life (>100 years) mining operations
- 100 percent self-sufficient in renewable energy
- Aiming for 200 percent renewable energy supply by 2040
- Products of mining and mineral processing constitute >60 per cent of mercantile exports
- Highly supportive Government with policies and legislation to reduce Sovereign risk
- High quality, freely available geoscience data sets to de-risk exploration
- Battery and new technology minerals including tin, tungsten, REE, and Li
- There are many ways in which Japanese groups can become involved

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Critical Minerals in South Australia

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Minerals sector – delivering value to South Australia



\$8.8 Billion
Gross sales CY21



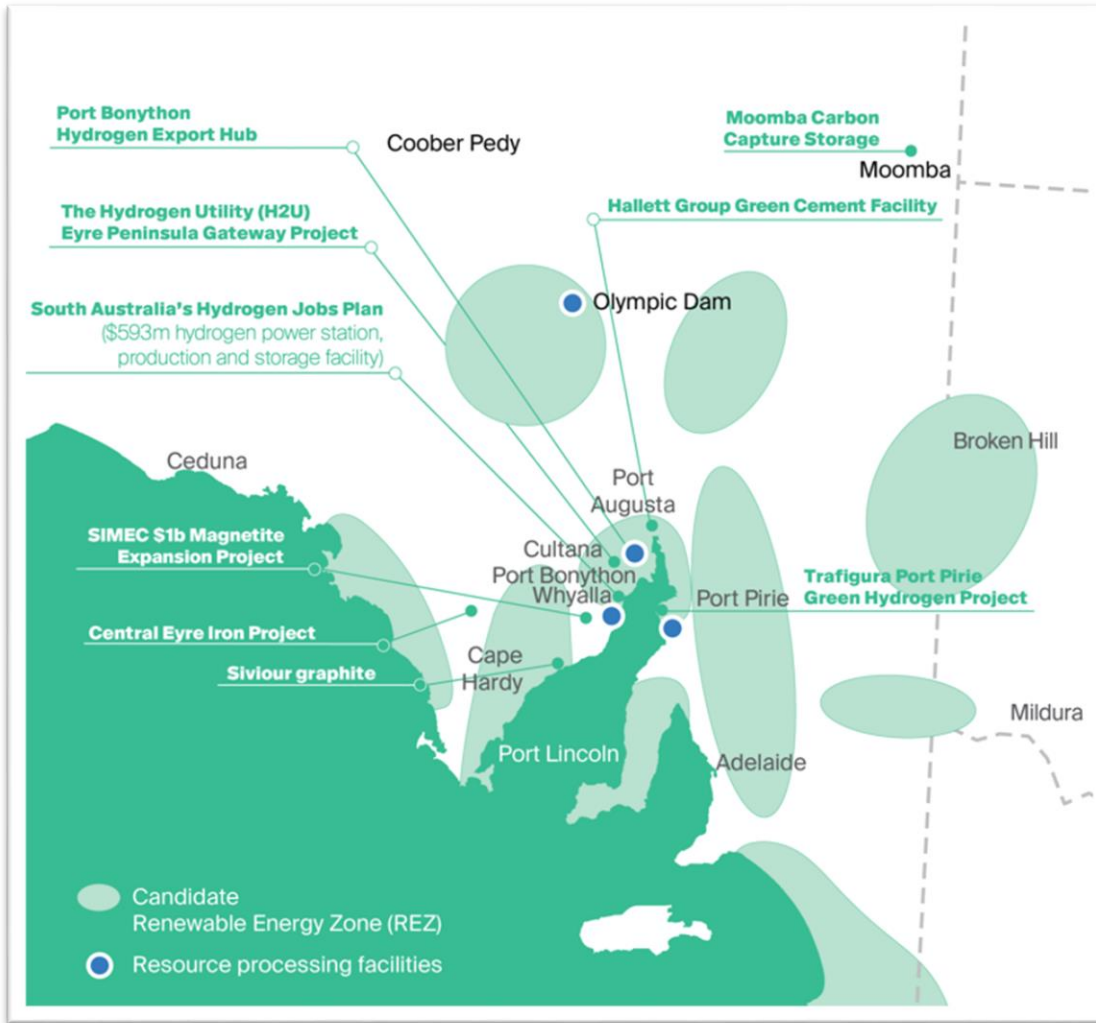
39% of state's goods exports

\$5.7 billion
EXPORTS 22FY



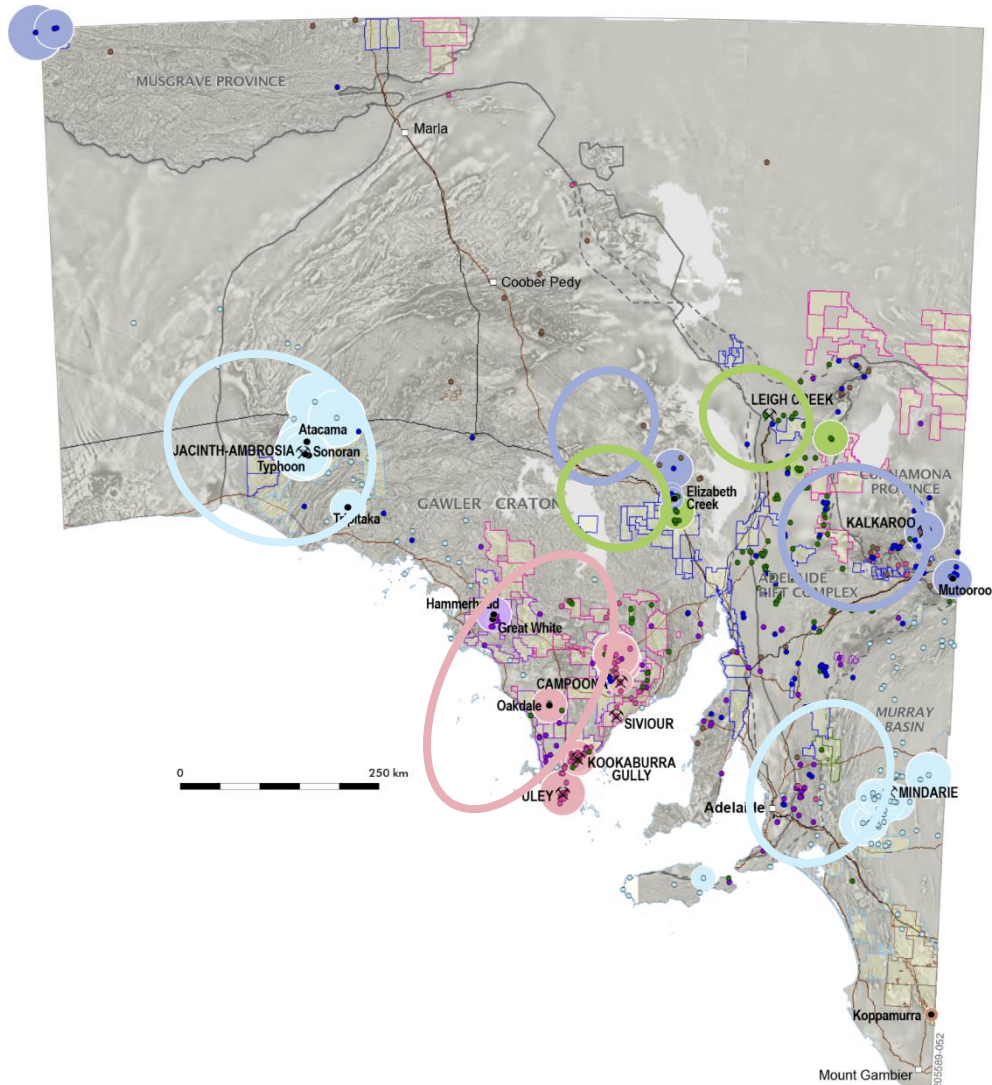
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~\$380 million 22FY

South Australia—developing regions and capacity

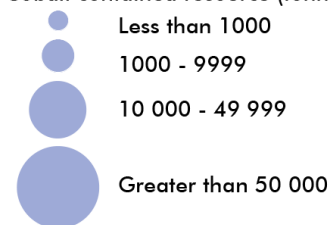


- Recharging the resources pipeline – new mines | expansion | critical minerals
- 68% of electricity derived renewable energy – companies making purchase agreements
- Develop Spencer Gulf as major renewable hydrogen hub
- Pathway to deliver green steel, green copper, green critical minerals
- Global energy crunch, reinforces case for hydrogen energy power plant

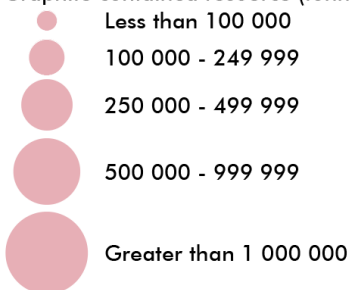
Current Critical Mineral resources and known occurrences



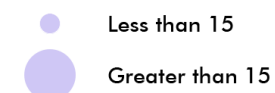
Cobalt contained resource (tonne)



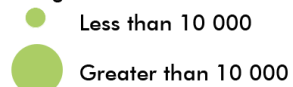
Graphite contained resource (tonne)



Kaolin contained resource (mill tonne)



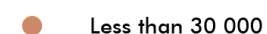
Manganese contained resource (tonne)



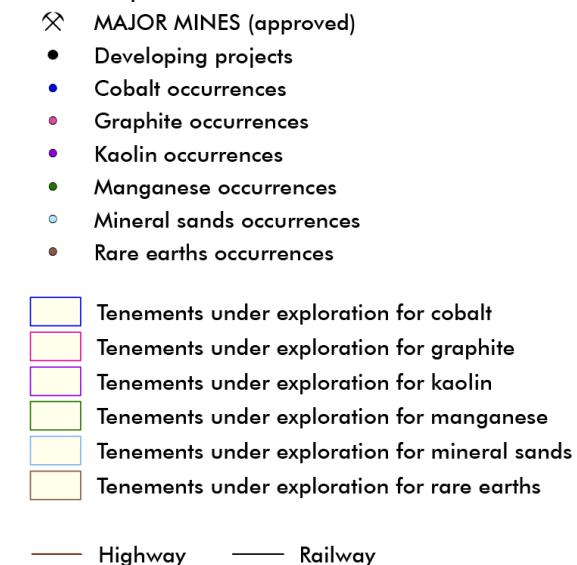
Mineral sands contained resource (tonne)



Rare earths contained resource (tonne)



Current September 2022



Company activity—searching for critical minerals

- Growing number of announcements from companies now active in critical minerals space
 - Past 12 months: ~20 announcements regarding updates to existing projects (increased resources) or new discoveries
 - Across a range of geological domains and mineral systems
 - Often not the main or initial exploration target
 - Include: Graphite, Copper-REE, Copper-Cobalt, Ionic clay REE, saprolite and basement hosted REE, Kaolin – Halloysite



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Government response—stimulating along the value chain

Geoscience

- Accelerated Discovery Initiative (co-funded exploration)
- Exploring for the Future
- Sedimentary Copper – (GSSA/CSIRO)
- Critical Minerals – South Australia
- Mine Waste

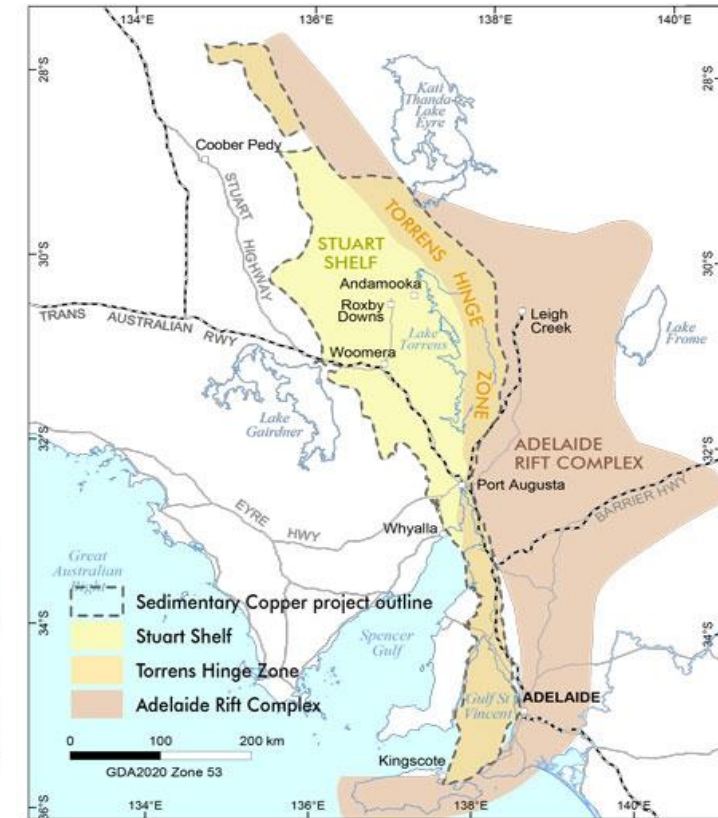
Supply chain

- Thinking Critical – SA

New geoscience initiatives—Sedimentary Copper

- With CSIRO on this joint project to develop a robust model and understanding of the basin architecture of the Stuart Shelf
- Sedimentary-hosted copper deposits are the second most important source of copper in the world
- Stuart Shelf has long been considered as having considerable potential for sedimentary-hosted Cu resources due to similarities with the world-class African Copper belt.
- This deposit type is the main source of cobalt

<https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/geological-survey/gssa-projects/sedcu>



New geoscience—Critical Minerals South Australia

“Critical Minerals Project”

Key deliverables are:

- Improve understanding of known critical minerals and their systems – ‘mineral systems approach’
- Geochemical sampling, hyperspectral core and sample scanning, petrophysics to uncover SA potential for critical minerals
- SA focused Mine-Waste assessment
- Developing high quality data sets and reports to be progressively released to the public at specific milestones
- Encouraging and assisting potential explorers to come to SA, with data availability and resource advice
- Economic and Market Analysis Report for Critical Minerals in South Australia

Secondary Prospectivity of SA's Mine-Waste

Easy pickings?

- Tailings dams and other mine wastes are potential environmental hazards
- But they also offer an incredible opportunity to extract critical minerals that have been discarded over time
- With the added benefit of treating and cleaning up these historical sites
- Will form part of national database

Beneficial for the environment

- Potential source of minerals
- Cleaning up existing sites

Ranking Criteria

1. Deposit Type and mine waste potential (SARIG)

2. Known commodity (SARIG)

3. Other/associated commodities (SARIG)

4. Mine status (SARIG)

5. Discovery year (SARIG)

6. Mine waste feature/s

7. Mine waste volume

Considerations

8. Geoenvironmental risk (known and potential)

9. Accessibility

10. ESG



THINKING CRITICAL

Wining companies:

- [Rockburst Technologies](#)
- [NDB Technology](#)
- [QL Space](#)
- [CBSM Mining](#)
- [Scantech International](#)

- South Australia's focus on leading global decarbonisation requires critical minerals.
- South Australia has critical mineral resources.
- We needed to develop the critical minerals supply chain to highlight the benefits of South Australia as a critical minerals centre.
- Open international call for critical minerals projects and companies to come to South Australia – focus on manufacturing and processing.
- 11 entries from 40 submissions invited to final round and 5 winners selected.

Research programs

Research projects currently underway on a range of fronts:

- Origins of REE accumulations in South East
- Nickel + PGE mineralisation in Musgraves / Western Gawler
- Lithium pegmatite mineralogy and tracing
- Series of honours projects: project on sourcing minerals sand in the Murray Basin, Mine Waste characterisation, Palladium mineralisation IOCGs,
- ARC Linkage project value-add metals from mine streams and wastes from Olympic Dam (with BHP)
- Mineral Exploration Cooperative Research Centre MinEx CRC
- UniSA assessment underway on critical minerals and net zero mining as a major research focus
- ARC research training centre in Critical Minerals



Critical Resources:

Training Future Geoscientists from Discovery to Processing

ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre

Recycling for critical minerals

- Nyrstar Australia's Port Pirie smelter has been in continuous operation for more than 130 years, employing over 800 people and 300 contractors.
- One of the world's largest multi-metal smelters, producing lead, silver and by-products such as sulphuric acid.
- In a recent announcement: Single-use alkaline batteries, can be recycled at Nyrstar Port Pirie into zinc and copper
- Nyrstar Australia is expected to recycle up to 2,000 tonnes per year (approximately 88 million AA alkaline batteries)
- Well positioned to play an important role in the transition to a greener economy.



Green minerals processing and energy hub in SA

- Tailored initiative programs under the 'green minerals for a green future' banner
- Multiple mines – multi commodity
- Feeding centralised processing points powered by green energy
- Advance manufacturing value adding to the raw commodities to build future technologies
- Established R&D capability
- Skilled and developing workforces
- Achieving the vision 'SA's role in contributing to Australia being a global critical minerals power house.'



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