



THE MINER'S RIGHT

The North Queensland Miner's Association Incorporated
Representing Miners, Prospectors and Associated Industries

July 2023

NQMA General Meeting 1PM, Monday 10th July 2023 – Mareeba Leagues Club

Presidents Report:

Welcome to Winter and some lovely winter drizzle! Must be getting close Show Time around the Tablelands 😊

The World Mining Congress 2023 was held in Brisbane and it seems that the Queensland Premier took this opportunity to announce a Critical Minerals paper and the support that the mining world will see from the Queensland Government. I have included this paper at the end of the Miners Right. There will be a 5-year rent free period on EPMs in Critical mineral zones, just not sure what these zones look like as yet. Reading many and various 'comments' on news articles online covering this subject, it seems Qld is not really the popular place for mining compared to other states, so here's hoping the attitude of the Qld Government towards mining is changing for the better. Further information is provided on a media release and funding available to apply for through QIC.

The tourist season and the gold price is seeing a very active North Queensland fossicking season. Palmerville Station has provided information on what is available on the Station if travelling up that way.

Look out for membership renewal notices that are heading your way!

The NQMA meeting is being held on Monday 10th July 2023, due to a prior commitment I will not be attending this meeting, and the Vice-President James Said will be chairing.

The September AGM is also coming up really fast. I would urge Members to come along to meetings or come forth and support the association. We need members that have the time to contribute and follow up on matters that are important to our Mining world. I know this is like asking to find a needle in a haystack but there is a real need for more people to step up and keep this association going.

Have a safe and warm Winter.

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Upcoming dates to note:

Queensland Mining and Quarrying Industry Census Form Annual-- Period 30/06/2023

In accordance with Part 2A of the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017 and Part 2A of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017, the responsible person for a mine or quarry regulated by the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* and the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* is required to complete a census form

This form is due by the 20/07/2023

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Progressive certification for an environmental authority

What is it?

Progressive certification allows holders of an environmental authority to stage the rehabilitation requirements for a site across discrete areas.

It can be the staged restoration of disturbed areas during the following stages. Notably you can begin progressive rehabilitation at any one of these stages.

- exploration
- construction or development and
- resource extraction phases of your project

Why do it?

- [financial assurance](#) (FA) held for your EA can be reduced
- size of your lease can be reduced
- pressure of having to complete potentially large-scale works at the end of your project can be reduced

So how do we miners go about this?

As the EA holder, you can apply to request progressive certification over parts of the area of the resource tenure during the life of the project.

What's needed?

- [application for progressive certification \(ESR/2015/1563\) \(DOCX, 192KB\)](#) includes details on how to complete a compliance statement
- **a compliance statement**, which you must use to document the extent to which activities in or near the proposed certification area have complied with your EA conditions
- [progressive certification report \(ESR/2015/1616\) \(DOCX, 233KB\)](#) - provided with your application

To sum up

Applicants may make a progressive certification application for any size area that has been successfully rehabilitated to statutory requirements, even if operations remain active on another part of the site or adjacent to the progressive certification area. Where areas proposed for progressive certification are small or have been subject to limited disturbance the application will likely not require a depth of information that has been detailed in the following guideline below.

Further information is available in the [Progressive certification for resource activities guideline \(ESR/2022/5900\) \(PDF, 259KB\)](#).

Queensland's ambition for Critical Minerals is....

Information provided from [The Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy | Department of Resources](#)

'To transform the state, national and global economy through the responsible use of Queensland's critical minerals, creating sustainable economic prosperity for Queensland.'

Queensland will seize this generational opportunity by accelerating the downstream value chain, growing more value-adding processing and manufacturing industries, built using local critical minerals.

Key to achieving this ambition is genuine collaboration and partnerships with the Queensland resources industry, academia, resource communities, First Nations peoples, and local, state and federal governments.

Through the Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy, we can take quick and purposeful action to ensure Queensland will secure long-term economic prosperity, create more good and secure jobs in regions, and provide a pathway for orderly transition away from the carbon-intensive elements of the economy.

The strategy at a glance

The strategy outlines **four key objectives**, as well as **new and existing actions**, that will achieve Queensland's ambition for a prosperous critical minerals sector.

The Critical Minerals Office

The delivery of the strategy will be driven by a dedicated office—**Critical Minerals Queensland**—which will be established as a centralised point for industry, investors and community, and will bring dedicated focus to the Queensland Government's ambition to grow the sector.

The four key objectives

- **Move faster, smarter**
 - Critical Minerals Zones (funding: \$75 million)
 - Explore remaining mineralisation in mine waste (funding: \$5 million)
 - Facilitate secondary prospectivity for critical minerals
- **Maximise investment**
 - Rent reduction for exploration (approximately \$55 million in forgone revenue)
 - Profile and promote Queensland (funding: \$1 million)
- **Build value chains**
 - Deliver the Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund (funding: \$100 million)
- **Foster research and ESG excellence**
 - Partner with industry to build ESG excellence (funding: \$1 million)
 - Research and development in circular economy and mining (funding: \$8 million)

The strategy is about futureproofing the next generation of jobs for Queensland, diversifying and decarbonising our economy, and ensuring Queensland's future sustainable economic prosperity. It is about acting now, with industry, community and First Nations, to secure our future.

The Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy is a simple, certain and sophisticated path forward to manufacture our future.

Critical minerals fund to supercharge battery supply chain

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JOINT STATEMENT

Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment

The Honourable Cameron Dick

Minister for Resources

The Honourable Scott Stewart

- \$100 million Queensland Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund opened today
- The fund will help meet growing demand for clean energy technologies
- Support for Queensland industry to access national and global supply chains in metal refining, mineral processing, battery manufacturing and advanced materials

Applications are now open for the Palaszczuk Government's newest fund accelerating the growth of the state's emerging critical minerals, battery technology and advanced material opportunities.

Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment Cameron Dick announced the opening of the fund at today's Critical Minerals Investor Forum – a companion event to this week's 26th World Mining Congress with more than 3,000 delegates.

The Queensland Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund is aimed at enhancing the extraction and processing of critical minerals.

It will also accelerate the development of battery technologies and the production of precursor or advanced materials to support Queensland jobs and economic growth.

Quotes attributable to Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk:

"Queensland has a clear vision to maximise the momentous opportunities that come with a clean energy future, as outlined in the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

"Our state's abundant reserves of vanadium, cobalt, copper and rare earth elements are the key to accelerating the development of clean energy technologies like solar panels, battery storage and electric vehicles.

"More than just digging these out of the ground, Queensland is in the enviable position to grow our capabilities right through the supply chain from pit to product as global demand skyrockets.

"In the electric vehicle battery market alone, annual global investment is predicted to surge in excess of \$550 billion by 2030 in order to meet emissions targets.

"This fund will ensure that it's cobalt and nickel - extracted and processed in Queensland by Queenslanders – that is powering the clean energy future ahead."

Quotes attributable to the Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment Cameron Dick:

"Growing global demand creates a significant opportunity for Queensland's critical minerals, battery technologies and advanced materials.

"However, we must ensure that local projects are production-ready, commercially viable and globally competitive.

"The Queensland Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund's primary goal is to position our state at the front of the queue with the capacity and capability to meet global demand for decarbonisation.

"It supports the implementation of our recently released New-Industry Development Strategy and Queensland's Battery Industry Strategy that is under development.

"Hosting today's Critical Minerals Investor Forum is a great opportunity to engage directly with industry, academia, the Federal Government and the investment community to explore the trends, challenges and immediate and future investment opportunities.

"Our government is already developing the Queensland Resources Common User Facility and is supporting Vecco with Australia's first commercial-scale vanadium flow battery electrolyte manufacturing facility, both located in Townsville.

"The Queensland Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund builds on these commitments and draws on our strength in critical minerals coupled with local innovation and research capability to cement Queensland's place in the global clean energy technology supply chain."

Quotes attributable to Resources Minister Scott Stewart:

"There is an abundance of critical minerals in Queensland and in the North West Minerals Province that the world is demanding as it decarbonises.

"There is the potential for thousands of good jobs as more critical mineral projects get off the ground which is why this Fund is important."

"The Queensland Resources Common User Facility in Townsville is another way we are backing the resources industry as initially it will help resources companies prove up their product and develop new opportunities for vanadium mining."

Further information:

Managed through Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC), the \$100 million Queensland Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund will have two investment streams:

- QIC will manage the fund and oversee venture and growth capital investments
- projects seeking grant assistance will be referred to Queensland Treasury.

Eligible companies must be able to demonstrate alignment with fund objectives and Queensland Government policy objectives.

Assistance will be provided to new projects with demonstrated benefits to Queensland.

This may include building industry capability, supporting private sector infrastructure development, the creation of Queensland jobs, and upskilling and training opportunities.

For more information or to apply visit qic.com/qcmbtf

ENDS

Media contact – Campbell Gellie 0433987744

Working link to the above: qcmbtf | QIC

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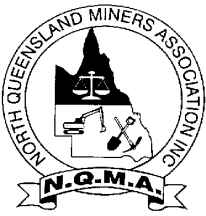
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.....POSTCODE.....

CONTACT PERSON.....

Phone No during day:Fax No:

E-mail address if available.....

NUMBER and LOCATION of MINING TENEMENT/S held or ASSOCIATION WITH MINING INDUSTRY.....

I/We hereby agree to comply with the Rules and Regulations as prescribed in the Constitution of the North Queensland Miner's Association Inc.

Full Membership. Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$100.00.
Eligibility for Membership: *'Any person, partnership or company who: is actively involved in mining or prospecting; holds or has an application for any mining tenure allowable under the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any Act that replaces it; has a tenement before the Land and Resources Tribunal; or has a direct professional interest in the mining industry.'*

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critical minerals

Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy



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Minister's foreword

The global embrace of sustainability, of concern for human-induced impacts on the atmosphere and biosphere that sustain us, is driving demand for transition of our energy systems to cleaner sources.

Queensland stands at these crossroads with a wonderful opportunity to meet these challenges and take the lead. Queensland can create a resources future based not only on what we have, but also on how we go about the business of putting our endowment of minerals to best use.

The Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy is about Queensland rising to the occasion—it will assist the world in this economic and energy transition and grasp the opportunities offered in a changing world.

In order to build the wind turbines, solar panels and storage batteries that are needed to decarbonise, Queensland will need critical minerals like copper, vanadium and tungsten. The global demand for these minerals is expected to rise exponentially over the next decade.

Here in Queensland, we have the mineral riches and resources that will carry us into a new century. But we do not just want to mine these resources. We will use them to manufacture the renewable energy technologies to power the world.

The strategy is about futureproofing the next generation of jobs for Queensland, diversifying and decarbonising our economy, and ensuring Queensland's future sustainable economic prosperity.

Quite simply, if we do not manufacture our future, someone else will.

It is about acting now, with industry, community and First Nations peoples, to secure our future.

It is a broad and bold ambition, which is why the strategy embraces the long-term 30-year vision of the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan (QRIDP) with new targeted objectives and actions to focus on the minerals critical to our collective future. It complements the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan's vision of transitioning the state to a renewable energy future.

SCOTT STEWART MP
MINISTER FOR RESOURCES



STATE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY 2022

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STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT: PATH TO TREATY

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Summary of actions

Ambition:

To transform the state, national and global economy through the responsible use of Queensland's critical minerals, creating sustainable economic prosperity for Queensland.



The Critical Minerals Office

A dedicated office will be established as a centralised point for industry, investors and community to market Queensland internationally, facilitate investment in research and development, and lead government action in the sector.



Move faster, smarter

- **Critical Minerals Zones**

A place-based approach will be undertaken to leverage collaboration opportunities and deliver time, resource, and capital efficiencies. Government action will be tailored to each zone and may include environmental and social impact baseline assessments, facilitation of enabling and common-user infrastructure, coordinated community consultation and partnerships with First Nations peoples.

- **Explore remaining mineralisation in mine waste**

The Collaborative Exploration Initiative will be expanded to include a dedicated program assisting companies to undertake drilling within mine waste on abandoned and operating mine sites.

- **Facilitate secondary prospectivity for critical minerals**

The regulatory framework will be reviewed to facilitate reprocessing opportunities, including consideration of a new 'Residual Mineral Recovery Tenure', and investigation of the current risk assessment criteria in the Financial Provisioning Scheme.



Maximise investment

- **Rent reduction for exploration permits**

No rent for new and existing exploration permits for minerals for five years.

- **Profile and promote Queensland**

An interactive, customer and investor-focused portal will be developed to showcase investment opportunities in Queensland. This will include the development of a promotion strategy.



Build value chains

- **Deliver the Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund**

The fund (announced in December 2022) will support local businesses and industry-led consortia to build industry capability in Queensland, providing greater access to national and global supply chains in metal refining, mineral processing and battery technologies.



Foster research and environmental, social and governance (ESG) excellence

- **Partner with industry to build ESG excellence**

Tailored initiatives to enhance ESG capability will be delivered, including establishment of an ESG industry network in partnership with industry.

- **Research and development in circular economy and mining**

Research and development in circular economy, recycling and mineral discovery, extraction and processing will be advanced, and a research institute–government minerals alliance developed.