



MINING AND RESOURCES

Trade and investment opportunities


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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



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With abundant reserves of coal, gas and a wide range of resources, including critical minerals, Queensland is well positioned to meet strong and sustained global demand.

Our proximity to key international markets, particularly across the Asia-Pacific region, supports efficient trade and strengthens Queensland's reputation as a trusted and reliable partner.

Queensland is open for business, offering investors a compelling business environment, supported by stable and transparent regulation, world-class infrastructure and a skilled workforce.

From established export industries to emerging opportunities across the resources value chain, Queensland offers the scale, capability and certainty needed for long-term investment success.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting the continued growth of the mining and resources sector. We are focused on attracting investment, facilitating trade and working with industry to unlock new opportunities across exploration, production and export.

Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) plays an important role in connecting global partners with opportunities across the state. Through its international network and market expertise, TIQ supports businesses to enter, grow and invest in Queensland.

I encourage you to explore our QueensLand of Opportunity and to partner with us as we continue to strengthen our position as a leading global supplier of resources.



WELCOME TO QUEENSLAND

Located in northeastern Australia, Queensland is recognised as the sixth-largest state in the world by land area – comparable in size to Indonesia and larger than Western Europe or any state in the United States.

Queensland is a world leader in resources exploration, extraction, production and processing, built on decades of successful investment and development.

The state's resource endowment spans large deposits of coal, gas and a broad suite of critical minerals including copper, vanadium, silica, graphite, rare earth elements and high-purity alumina – supporting the global energy transition, advanced manufacturing and technology supply chains.

Queensland is a key part of Australia's extensive global trade network, supported by bilateral resource partnerships with major economies including the US, India, Germany, the United Kingdom and key Asia-Pacific markets. These relationships enhance market access and support long-term investment confidence.

Beyond extraction, Queensland is emerging as a globally competitive destination for downstream processing and advanced manufacturing, enabled by strategic infrastructure, targeted policy support and a rapidly growing critical minerals ecosystem.



TIQ is the Queensland Government's global trade and investment agency, with a network that currently spans 30 locations in 21 international markets across Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East. TIQ plays a vital role in connecting the world to Queensland.

At a glance



Resource and energy-rich
land mass totalling **1.7 million square kilometres**

An abundance of the world's most sought-after critical minerals and natural resources



Major deposits across key commodities
including coal, gas and critical minerals

11 mining-ready ports and 6 international
airports supporting global trade



World-class research institutions and
geoscience capability

Highly skilled workforce supported by
strong training and education systems





QUEENSLAND OF OPPORTUNITY FOR MINING AND RESOURCES

Queensland has a supportive investment environment, sophisticated and reliable infrastructure, and a skilled workforce to support long-term business success.

Queensland is a recognised resource innovation state, with more than \$8 billion invested in research, development and innovation over the past two decades. The Geological Survey of Queensland provides expert pre-competitive geoscience data, enabling exploration success and reducing investor risk.

Investors benefit from access to fully digital datasets via GeoResGlobe and extensive drill core libraries, supporting informed decision-making and accelerating project development.

Queensland's strengths in mining and resources are evolving to meet global demand for critical minerals, energy security and low-emissions technologies.

Backed by a stable and coordinated government, pro-business policies and a competitive payroll tax rate, Queensland is one of the most enviable business environments in the southern hemisphere.

With streamlined regulations, ultra-fast east coast data connectivity and ready access to Asia-Pacific markets, Queensland offers unparalleled opportunities across the minerals and resources supply chain.

Partnering with Queensland means tapping into a strong business environment underpinned by two decades of economic growth consistently above the national average.

Explore Queensland and unlock your business success in mining and resources.



Minerals

- Copper, gold, aluminium, bauxite, lead, zinc and other mineral production generating \$16 billion in annual exports
- Significant critical minerals opportunities including in graphite, silica, vanadium, rare earth elements, tungsten and titanium, supporting global battery, renewable energy and advanced manufacturing supply chains
- Strong pipeline of critical minerals projects supporting downstream processing and value-added opportunities



Coal

- Significant existing resource base of over 62 billion tonnes of metallurgical and thermal coal
- 40% of global seaborne metallurgical coal is sourced from Queensland
- New coal development projects across multiple basins
- Expansive integrated rail network connecting major coal basins to six major ports with more than 300 million tonnes nameplate export capacity
- Proximity to established and growing markets such as Japan, India, Korea, China and Vietnam



LNG

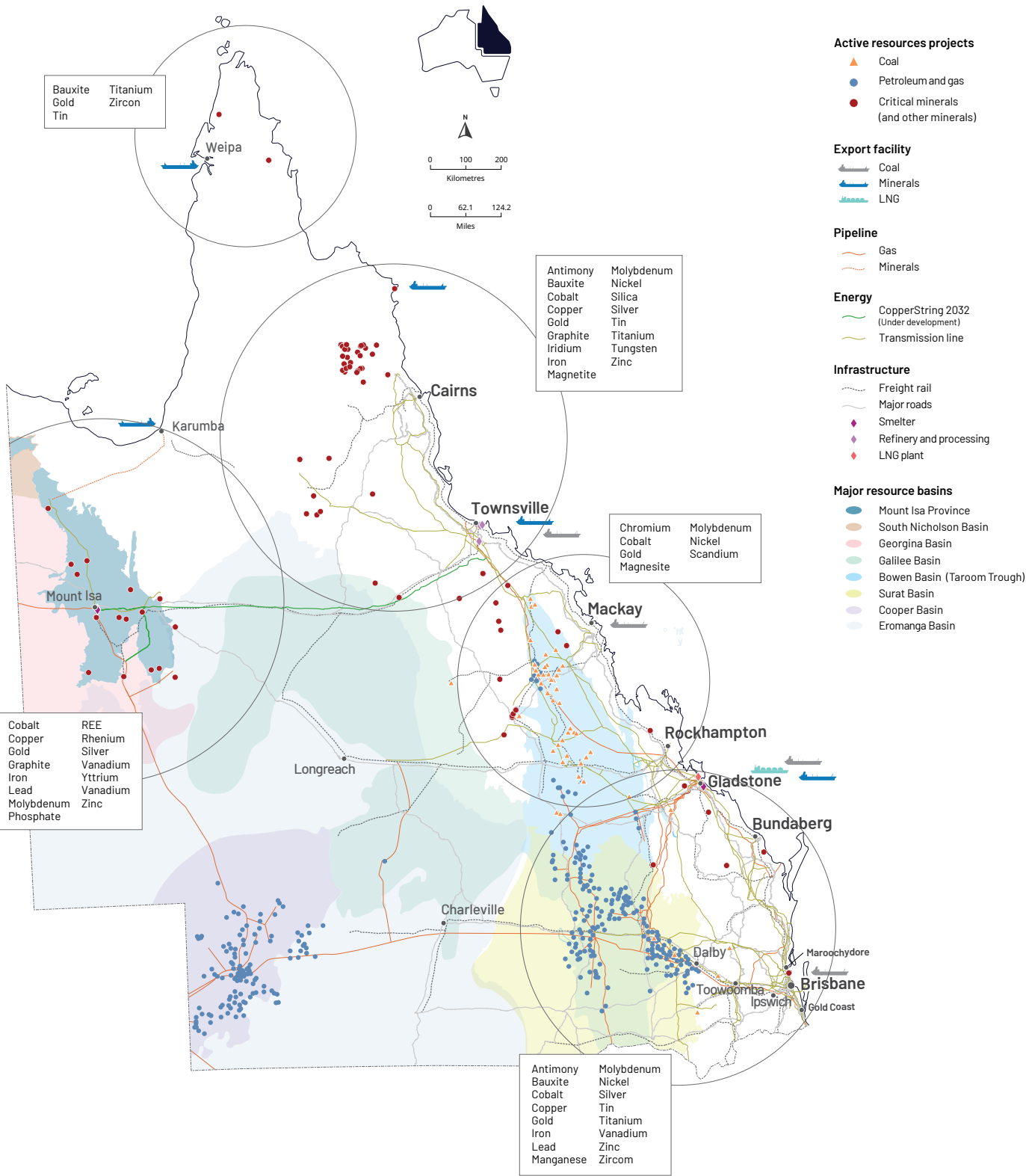
- 24 million tonnes of LNG exported in 2024-25
- More than 20 years of proven future gas supply
- Queensland LNG plays a vital role in supplying Asia-Pacific, strengthening trade relationships and supporting energy security
- Substantial natural gas resources and exploration opportunities with strong potential for production
- Extensive gas pipeline network and three LNG export terminals in operation



METS

- More than 800 METS companies active in major mining markets worldwide, with a combined workforce of 27,600 people
- Robust and reliable supply chain driving mining productivity, efficiency, sustainability and safety
- Demonstrated, globally competitive solutions across the mining lifecycle
- A growing portfolio of investment-ready, high-growth companies offering investors exposure to new technologies

Rich in natural resources



Project locations are indicative only and do not reflect the full extent of activity across the state.

A skilled and growing workforce

Queensland's mining and resources sector employs more than 80,000 people and remains a profession of choice for a developing workforce.

Queensland's workforce is deeply experienced in mining, engineering, geoscience and project delivery, supported by an advanced onshore METS sector that exports expertise and technology worldwide.

Queensland has the talent pipeline needed to drive future growth. The state has six universities in the world's top 500, and more than 360 education and training providers. By 2028-29, 2.3 million Queensland workers – representing three quarters of the workforce – will have a post-secondary qualification.

Our skilled workforce is further strengthened by established professional and technical services hubs located across the state. Backed by more than \$5 billion over four years, the government's *Right Skills Strategy 2025-2028* brings together government, industry, registered training providers, educators and students to further strengthen the state's capacity to meet industry demands.

For businesses and investors requiring additional expertise, Queensland offers tailored support to attract global talent. We provide dedicated assistance and guidance through workforce migration options, helping to secure specialist skills and grow operations in Queensland.

Sophisticated and reliable infrastructure

Queensland's capacity to move people, products and data efficiently makes connecting with the world seamless.



6 international airports, and more than 50 regional airports, connecting to the world's fastest-growing Asia-Pacific markets and beyond



11 mining-ready ports supporting global trade



5,700 kilometres of regional rail infrastructure connecting major resource basins



190,000 kilometre public road network comprising national, state and regional highways



Electricity transmission network of **more than 15,000 circuit kilometres** and 147 substations delivers affordable, reliable and sustainable energy



Fastest submarine telecommunications connection from eastern Australia to Asia





Leadership in environment, sustainability and governance

Queensland's strong ESG framework provides business partners with confidence in stable, transparent and responsible resource development. High regulatory standards ensure environmental protection, safe working conditions and local community engagement.

The Queensland Government is driving innovation and investment in sustainable technologies. This includes a whole-of-economy approach to emissions reduction, leveraging opportunities for direct investment in lower emissions technologies and application of offsets where appropriate.

Streamlined approvals, coordinated through the Resources Cabinet Committee and supported by the Coordinator-General, ensure efficient decision-making while maintaining rigorous environmental and social safeguards.

Government support and backing

Queensland actively backs growth in the mining and resources sector through a coordinated suite of government programs, strategic policy settings and targeted investment facilitation. This whole-of-government approach aligns policy, infrastructure, funding and industry capability to support projects at every stage – from exploration and development through to production and export.

This commitment is clearly demonstrated through initiatives such as the *Queensland Critical Minerals Prospectus*, which promotes the state's globally significant resource base and outlines priority opportunities for investment, value-adding and downstream processing. Additionally, the Queensland Government's *Energy Roadmap* sets a clear pathway for the energy transition.

Together, these initiatives highlight the Queensland Government's long-term commitment to the mining and resources sector, its focus on enabling new investment opportunities, and its ambition to build globally competitive, future-ready industries.

Case Study

As global demand for battery minerals accelerates, Queensland-based Graphinex is positioning the state as a supplier into international battery anode supply chains.

The company's graphite has been demonstrated to have qualities capable of producing high-performance battery anodes. With its graphite supply underpinned by the Esmeralda deposit – a rare igneous hosted deposit home to the world's third-largest contained resource – Graphinex offers investors and supply chains a link to a globally significant long-life resource in a secure, low-risk mining jurisdiction, capable of underpinning strategic supply requirements across multiple markets.

Graphinex Managing Director Art Malone said: 'TIQ has been an important contributor to the company's efforts to secure international investment, off-take and strategic partnerships.'

TIQ has introduced Graphinex to investors from Europe, the Middle East, Asia and North America – these introductions helped the company secure investment by Indonesian resources company Baramulti.

TIQ's support contributed to the recently announced US Export-Import Bank (EXIM) \$1.3 billion funding support letter for Graphinex to develop the Esmeralda Deposit and US processing operations.

'As Graphinex advances its business interests we will continue to work with the TIQ team across its effective domestic and global networks,' Mr Malone said.



A. Graphinex, Townsville



GET GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH QUEENSLAND

TIQ is the Queensland Government's global business agency, facilitating high-value partnerships and guiding businesses to navigate the unique opportunities our state offers.

Whether you are new to Queensland or looking to expand your business or investment across the state, TIQ can help you find the right business opportunity to help meet your objectives.

TIQ supports potential business partners by helping you:

- 1 connect with export-ready businesses and investment-ready projects
- 2 access sector-specific market intelligence and regulatory insights to inform decisions
- 3 engage through site visits, missions and strategic introductions
- 4 leverage government programs and cross-agency support
- 5 access tailored assistance for business case development, market entry and expansion

TIQ offers these services at no cost to you.



Is your business ready to take advantage
of the Queensland of Opportunity?

**Learn more about support for
your future success through
Trade and Investment Queensland.**



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