



Statement of Intent

Lithium and Energy Materials Industry Strategy

The Western Australian Government is committed to working with industry, the community and research organisations in order to develop a Lithium and Energy Materials Industry Strategy that builds upon our competitive advantages for a world-leading, sustainable, value-adding industry that diversifies the State's economy, creates jobs and maximises benefits to the local community.

Western Australia's battery minerals resources combined with our technical skills, industry capabilities and close proximity to the manufacturing centres in Asia, make our State ideally placed to capitalise on the growing needs of the global battery market.

The advancement in recent years in the technology for electric vehicles, smart devices and rechargeable equipment has been the impetus for rapidly increasing demand for new energy materials. Distributed energy storage presents global opportunities to fundamentally change energy supply.

Battery minerals, including lithium, nickel, cobalt and graphite, are basic source minerals for these new technology battery systems such as lithium ion batteries. Western Australia has a natural endowment of these minerals, and is already one of the major suppliers of many of these battery minerals to the world.

In order to develop the Strategy, a Ministerial Taskforce and an Industry Stakeholder Reference Group have been established to:

- provide a robust assessment of State's comparative advantage in the further processing of lithium and energy minerals;
- develop strategies to facilitate exploration and mine development so industry has timely access to mineral resources;
- enable high quality research by facilitating partnerships between industry and research organisations;
- integrate Government policy on renewables with the Lithium and Energy Materials Industry Strategy;



- plan and prioritise infrastructure investment in the context of State development policies and regional economic development;
- optimise the potential of industry to evolve into enhanced processing, manufacturing and delivery of sustainable jobs growth and skills transformation through training and education; and
- identify opportunities for development of the lithium and energy materials industry to be integrated with sustainable materials management and recycling.