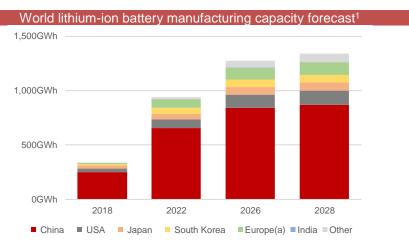
### **WORLD BATTERY MINERALS MARKET**

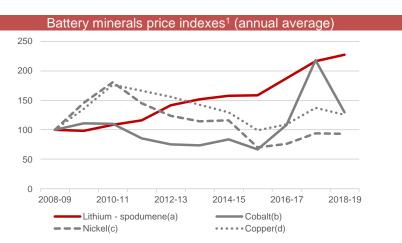
#### Major global battery minerals mine production: 2019 Lithium(a) Rare earths Nickel Cobalt Manganese Copper Graphite Vanadium 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% ■ Western Australia China Rest of Asia(b) Russia Americas Africa Other

(a) Lithium content of brine, spodumene, other hard rock or clay mine production. (b) Excludes China.

Source: US Geological Survey, Mineral Commodity Summaries; Office of the Chief Economist, Resources and Energy Quarterly; and Geoscience Australia.



<sup>1</sup> Large-sized cells. (a) Sweden, Hungary, Germany, Poland, United Kingdom and France. Source: Roskill, Lithium-ion Batteries Outlook to 2028 (April 2019).



<sup>1</sup> Prices in nominal US dollars a tonne (price index reference year is 2008-09 = 100.0). (a) Western Australia's unit prices of spodumene concentrate sales converted to US dollars using annual average exchange rates. (b) Minimum 99.80% purity. (c) Minimum 99.80% purity, cathodes (d) Minimum 99.935% purity, cathodes and wire bar.

Source: World Bank, Commodity Markets; and WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Resource Data Files.

- Western Australia is the world's largest lithium producer and a significant producer of other battery minerals.
- Western Australia accounted for 52% of global lithium production in 2019, followed by Chile (23%), China (10%) and Argentina (8%).
- Western Australia also ranked among the top 5 global producers for cobalt (4% global share), rare earths (10%) and nickel (7%) in 2019.
- China was the world's largest producer of graphite (64%), rare earths (63%) and vanadium (55%) in 2019, and a significant producer of all other battery minerals.
- In 2019, the world's largest producer of:
  - Nickel was Indonesia (30%).
  - Cobalt was Congo (71%).
  - Manganese was South Africa (29%).
  - Copper was Chile (28%).
- Lithium-ion batteries are made from mostly lithium, graphite, nickel, cobalt and manganese.
- World lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity rose 54% to 335 gigawatt hours (GWh) in 2018.
- China accounted for 74% of global lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity in 2018, followed by the United States (9%), Japan (8%), South Korea (4%) and Europe<sup>(a)</sup> (3%).
- Roskill forecasts global lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity will quadruple to 1,340GWh by 2028, led by China.
- By 2028, Roskill forecasts 65% of global lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity will be in China, followed by the United States (10%), Europe<sup>(a)</sup> (9%), Japan (6%) and South Korea (5%).
- Lithium and other battery minerals prices have started to ease because of slowing electric vehicle demand in China and an oversupply of battery minerals.
- Western Australia exports lithium as spodumene concentrate, but will begin exporting lithium hydroxide in 2020. Lithium hydroxide prices fell 34% to US\$14,257 a tonne in 2018-19.
- In 2018-19, the annual average price of:
  - Lithium spodumene concentrate<sup>(a)</sup> rose 5% to US\$608/t.
  - Cobalt<sup>(b)</sup> fell 40% to US\$45,368/t.
  - Nickel<sup>(c)</sup> fell 1% to US\$12,339/t.
  - Copper<sup>(d)</sup> fell 9% to US\$6,155/t.

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Estimated <sup>1</sup> battery minerals reserves: 2019									
Commodity	Unit	WA	Aust.	World	WA share of world				
Nickel	Mt	19.0	20.0	89	21%				
Cobalt	Mt	1.1	1.2	7	16%				
Lithium	Mt	2.7	2.8	17	16%				
Vanadium	Kt	2.7	4.0	22	12%				
Manganese	Mt	36.0	100.0	810	4%				
Rare earths	Mt	2.3	3.3	120	2%				
Copper	Mt	5.2	87.0	870	1%				
Graphite	Mt	1.3	7.1	300	0.4%				

1 Estimated from Australia's battery minerals reserves

ource: US Geological Survey, Mineral Commodity Summaries; and Geoscience Australia

- Western Australia has globally significant battery minerals reserves of a quality suitable for battery manufacturing.
- In 2019, Western Australia accounted for 21% of the world's nickel reserves.
- Western Australia accounted for over 10% of the world's cobalt, lithium and vanadium reserves in 2019.
- Western Australia had 5% or less of the world's manganese, rare earths, copper and graphite reserves in 2019.
- Western Australia's estimated battery minerals exploration expenditure rose 67% to \$466 million in 2019.

# Total cash cost1 of seaborne lithium exports: 2019



¹ Production costs for different lithium products and grades are adjusted to a benchmark product (lithium carbonate equivalent). Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, Mine Economics Model.





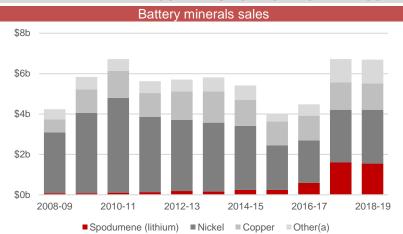
- Includes copper, lithium, nickel and graphite. Excludes rare earths, cobalt and vanadium, and manganese from 2015-16. (a) Includes the larger European markets for Western Australia's nickel exports only.

  Source: ABS 5368.0 International Trade in Goods and Services, and WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Resource Data Files.

- Western Australia's lithium producers are among the world's lowest cost seaborne lithium exporters.
- The average total cash cost<sup>1</sup> of Western Australia's lithium exports was US\$2,486 a lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) in 2019, well below the world average of US\$4,084/LCE.
- In 2019, the average total cash cost of Western Australia's exports of:
  - US\$8,554/t Nickel was (world average was US\$8,395/t).
  - Copper was US\$3,990/t (world average was US\$3,497/t).
- Around 59% of Western Australia's battery minerals exports went to China in 2018-19, with the value of exports up 21% to \$3.6 billion.
- In 2018-19, Western Australia's battery minerals exports to:
  - Japan rose 20% to \$670 million.
  - Europe<sup>(a)</sup> rose from \$165 million to \$497 million.
  - South Korea rose from \$177 million to \$448 million.
  - India rose 6% to \$136 million.
  - United States rose from \$13 million to \$52 million.
- Western Australia's lithium and cobalt exports are mostly for battery manufacturing, as well as some nickel
- New processing investment in Western Australia will see more nickel and other battery minerals exported for battery manufacturing.



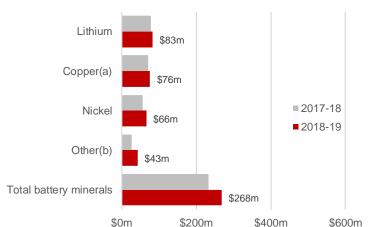
## **CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY**



(a) Includes cobalt, manganese, vanadium and rare earths (and other minerals). Source: WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Resource Data Files.

- Battery minerals accounted for 5% of the value of Western Australia's minerals and petroleum sales in 2018-19.
- The value of Western Australia's battery minerals sales fell 0.4% to \$6.7 billion in 2018-19.
- In 2018-19, the value of sales for:
  - Spodumene (lithium) fell 2% to \$1.5 billion.
  - Nickel rose 1% to \$2.7 billion.
  - Copper fell 2% to \$1.3 billion.
  - Other battery minerals<sup>(a)</sup> rose 1% to \$1.2 billion.

# Battery minerals royalties

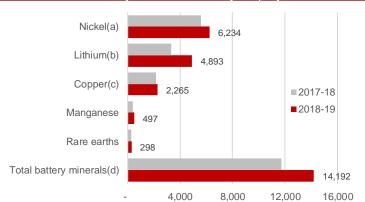


<sup>1</sup> Includes North West Shelf Grants. (a) Includes lead and zinc. (b) Includes rare earths, manganese, cobalt, vanadium and graphite Source: Western Australian Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Resource Data Files.

 Battery minerals accounted for 4% of Western Australia's royalty revenue<sup>1</sup> in 2018-19.

- Battery minerals royalty revenue rose 15% to \$268 million in 2018-19.
- In 2018-19, the royalty revenue from:
  - Lithium rose 6% to \$83 million.
  - Copper<sup>(a)</sup> rose 8% to \$76 million.
  - Nickel rose 16% to \$66 million.
  - Other battery minerals<sup>(b)</sup> rose 58% to \$43 million.

### Direct battery minerals industry employment



<sup>1</sup> Full-time equivalent. (a) Includes cobalt. (b) Includes tin and tantalum. (c) Includes lead and zinc. (d) Excludes graphite. Source: Western Australian Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Resource Data Files.

- Battery minerals<sup>(d)</sup> accounted for 14% of direct employment in Western Australia's minerals mining industry in 2018-19 (excluding exploration) on a full-time equivalent basis.
- Direct employment in Western Australia's battery minerals<sup>(d)</sup> industry rose 21% to 14,192 in 2018-19.
- In 2018-19, direct employment in the industry of:
  - Nickel<sup>(a)</sup> rose 12% to 6.234.
  - Lithium<sup>(b)</sup> rose 47% to 4,893.
  - Copper<sup>(c)</sup> rose 5% to 2,265.
  - Manganese rose 31% to 497.
  - Rare earths rose 3% to 298.



## **CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY continued**

- Western Australia's Greenbushes mine has produced lithium since 1983 when it was mainly used in glass and ceramics manufacturing.
   More recently, the Greenbushes mine has expanded production and other lithium mines have been developed to meet the growing demand from lithium-ion battery manufacturers. Lithium-ion batteries are used in consumer electronics, clean energy storage and electric vehicles.
- Western Australia exports lithium as spodumene concentrate for further processing in mainly China. Western Australia will begin exporting
  lithium hydroxide once Tianqi's Kwinana processing plant begins production in 2020 and Albemarle's Kemerton plant begins production in
  2021. There are other spodumene mines and hydroxide processing plants under consideration in Western Australia.
- Western Australia has battery-grade nickel and other minerals, although most of these minerals are exported for uses other than battery
  manufacturing. New investment is proposed to produce nickel sulphate and hydroxide suitable for battery manufacturing, as well as other
  battery minerals. In February 2020, Western Australia had \$3.2 billion of major battery minerals projects under construction or committed
  and \$24.4 billion under consideration.

		Major battery mir				
Operator Operating <sup>2</sup>	Project	Primary commodity	Region	Capex (\$m)	Capacity (ktpa)	Start
Lithium						
Talison Lithium^	Greenbushes mine	Spodumene	South West	n.a.	650	1:
Galaxy Resources	Mt Cattlin mine	Spodumene	Goldfields-Esperance	250	180	2
Mineral Resources	Mt Marion mine	Spodumene	Goldfields-Esperance	211	20	2
Pilbara Minerals	Pilgangoora mine (stage 1)	Spodumene	Pilbara	274	45	2
Altura Mining	Pilgangoora mine (stage 1)	Spodumene	Pilbara	140	33	2
	Filgarigoora mine (stage 1)	Spodumene	FIIDala	140	33	
Nickel, cobalt	Nichal Meatacines Collects	NI:-II+	0-146-14- 5		70	
BHP	Nickel West mines & plants	Nickel*	Goldfields-Esperance	n.a.	70	
Glencore	Murrin Murrin mine & plant	Nickel*	Goldfields-Esperance	2,500	32	
Other						
Sandfire Resources	DeGrussa mine	Copper	Mid West	409	77	:
Hancock Prospecting	Nicholas Downs mine	Manganese	Pilbara	n.a.	600	
ynas	Mt Weld mine & plant	Rare earths	Goldfields-Esperance	713	27	:
Artemis Resources	Whundo mine	Copper	Pilbara	n.a.	50	
Consolidated Minerals	Woodie Woodie mine	Manganese	Pilbara	30	1,500	
Northern Minerals	Browns Range pilot plant	Rare earths	Kimberley	89	0.05	
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ithium	minited					
	Kwinono plant (stere 4)	Li Hudrovida	Dorth	400	24	
ianqi Lithium	Kwinana plant (stage 1)	Li Hydroxide	Perth	400	24	
Talison Lithium^	Greenbushes mine (expansion 1)	Spodumene	South West	320	700	
Albemarle	Kemerton plant (trains 1-2)	Li Hydroxide	South West	1,700	40	
Nickel, cobalt						
BHP	Nickel West/Kwinana plant (stage 1)	Ni Sulphate*	Perth	60	100	
Panoramic Resources	Savannah mine (extension)	Nickel*#	Kimberley	36	11	
Artemis Resources	Radio Hill plant (restart)	Nickel*#	Pilbara	30	500	
BHP	Nickel West/Leinster mine expansion	Nickel	Goldfields-Esperance	190	n.a.	
Vestern Areas	Cosmos/Odysseus mine (stage 2)	Nickel	Goldfields-Esperance	300	13	
Other	Cosmos/Cdysseds mine (stage 2)	TAICKEI	Goldlields-Esperance	300	13	
Sandfire Resources	Continuational /Mantes mains	Conner	Mid West	90		
	Springfield/Monty mine	Copper	IVIIQ VVESt	90	n.a.	
Jnder consideration <sup>3</sup>						
_ithium						
Altura Mining	Pilgangoora mine (stage 2)	Spodumene	Pilbara	119	33	
Pilbara Minerals	Pilgangoora mine (stage 2)	Spodumene	Pilbara	235	55	
Fiangi Lithium	Kwinana plant (stage 2)	Li Hydroxide	Perth	300	24	
Covalent Lithium	Mt Holland/Earl Grey mine	Spodumene	Wheatbelt	443	40	
alison Lithium^	Greenbushes mine (expansion 2)	Spodumene	South West	516	600	
Albemarle	Kemerton plant (trains 3-5)	Li Hydroxide	South West	n.a.	60	
Talison Lithium^	Greenbushes mine (expansion 3)	Spodumene	South West	256	400	
Covalent Lithium	Mt Holland/Kwinana plant	Li Hydroxide	Perth	642	45	
Nickel, cobalt						
First Quantum Minerals	Ravensthorpe mine (restart)	Nickel	Goldfields-Esperance	500	28	
Ardea Resources	Kalgoorlie/Goongarrie mine & plant	Ni Hydroxide*	Goldfields-Esperance	1,165	20	
/letals X	Wingellina mine & plant	Ni Hydroxide*	Goldfields-Esperance	2,500	40	
PJSC Mining & MCN	Honeymoon Well mine	Nickel	Mid West	1,500	40	
ME Resources	NiWest/Murrin Murrin mine & plant	Ni Sulphate*	Goldfields-Esperance	800	19	
Conico	Mt Thirsty mine	Nickel*	Goldfields-Esperance	371	35	
BHP	Nickel West/Yakabindie mine	Nickel*	Goldfields-Esperance	60	32	
BHP	Nickel West/Kwinana plant (stage 2)	Ni Sulphate*	Perth	n.a.	100	
Ardea Resources	Yerilla mine	Nickel*	Goldfields-Esperance	1,215	21	
Other	Outstand On six and series	0	Dille	400		
/enturex Resources	Sulphur Springs mine	Copper	Pilbara	169	14	
Atlantic	Windimurra mine (restart)	Vanadium	Mid West	150	5	
lastings Tech. Metals	Yangibana mine	Rare earths	Gascoyne	427	15	
Mineral Commodities	Munglinup mine	Graphite	Goldfields-Esperance	52	55	
ustralian Vanadium	Gabanintha mine	Vanadium	Mid West	249	10	
Element 25	Butcherbird Yanneri Ridge mine	Manganese	Mid West	155	500	
Fechnology Metals	Gabanintha mine	Vanadium	Mid West	454	13	
Mineral Resources	McIntosh mine	Graphite	Kimberley	148	88	
Caravel Minerals	Calingiri mine	Copper	Wheatbelt	440	36	
ynas	Kalgoorlie C&L plant	Rare earths	Goldfields-Esperance	500	10.5	
OZ Minerals	West Musgrave mine	Copper~	Goldfields-Esperance	995	28	
	Kwinana plant (stages 1 & 2)	Graphite	Perth	100	20	

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