

Session 1 Wednesday 10th May

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Welcome and Introduction



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8:45am: Helen Degeling, Cobalt Blue Holdings

9.30am: Matthew Greenwood, Geological Survey of Queensland

10:15am: Morning Tea

11:00am: Gavin Loyden, QEM Limited

11:45am: Dr Fred Hess, Aeon Metals

12.30pm: Lunch

1.30pm: Andrew Barger, QRC

2.10pm: Andrew Drager, APA

2.45pm: Afternoon Tea

3.30pm: Brett Spicer, BDO

4.45pm: Networking Drinks



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What the north west means to me



 **MM Mining**

 **srk consulting**

CST

 **Queensland Government**


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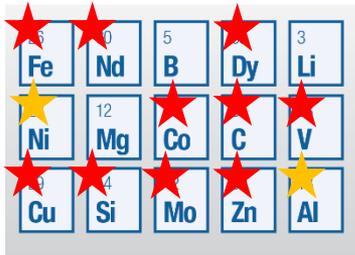


The global rise of critical minerals

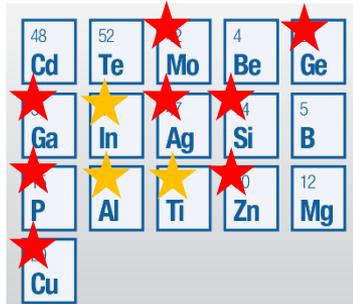
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What green energy technology is driving metal demand?



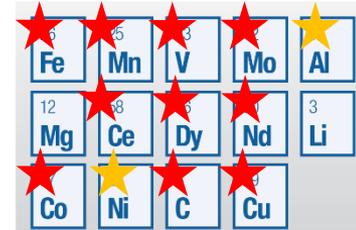
Windfarms



Solar panels



Batteries

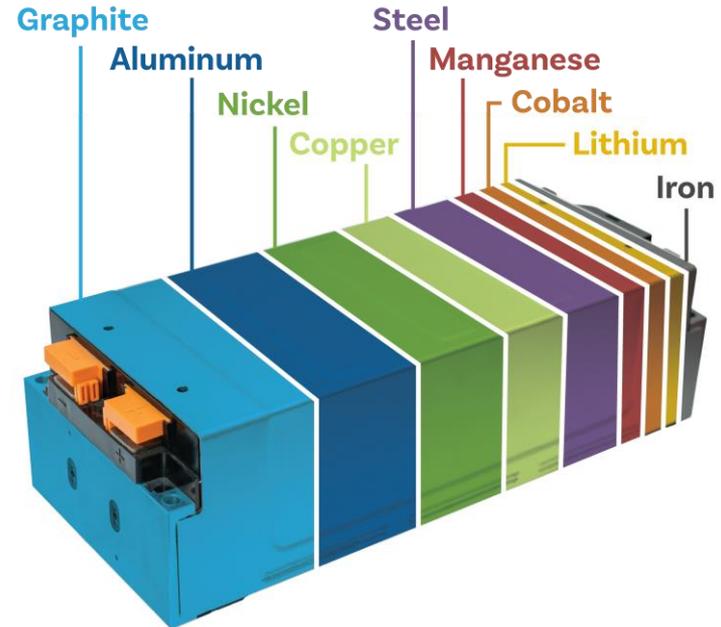


Electric vehicles



What metals are in a typical EV battery?

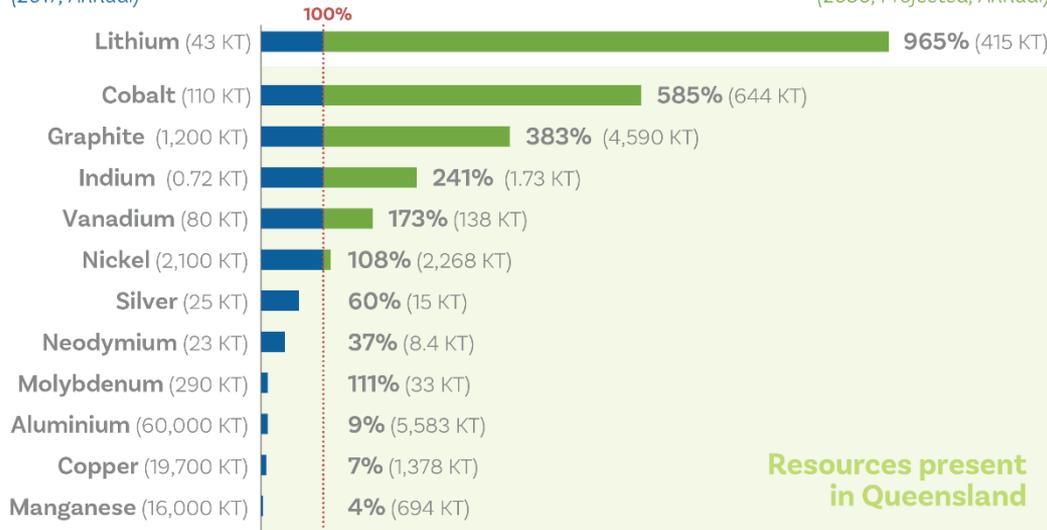
Mineral	Cell Part	Amount Contained in the Avg. 2020 Battery (kg)	% of Total
Nickel	Cathode	29kg	16%
Manganese	Cathode	10kg	5%
Cobalt	Cathode	8kg	4%
Lithium	Cathode	6kg	3%
Iron	Cathode	5kg	3%
Graphite	Anode	52kg	28%
Aluminum	Cathode, Casing, Current collectors	35kg	19%
Steel	Casing	20kg	11%
Total		185kg	100%



Growing demand

Current **Production**
(2017, Annual)

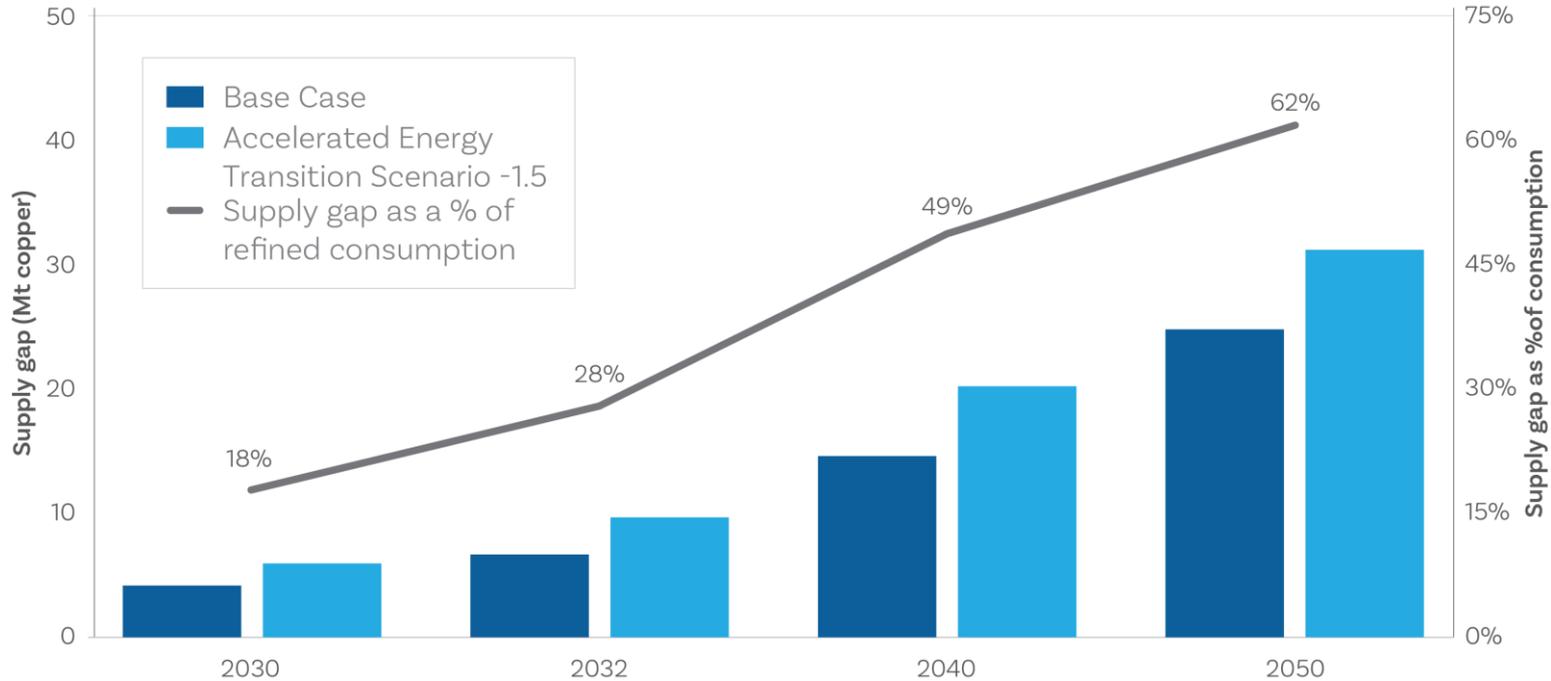
2050 Demand in supplying each energy technology
(2050, Projected, Annual)



- Demand driven by energy technology
- Similar demands driven by electric car manufacturing, other technologies (phones, magnets, etc)
- Qld is well placed to meet this demand, if exploration and resource development sees investment now

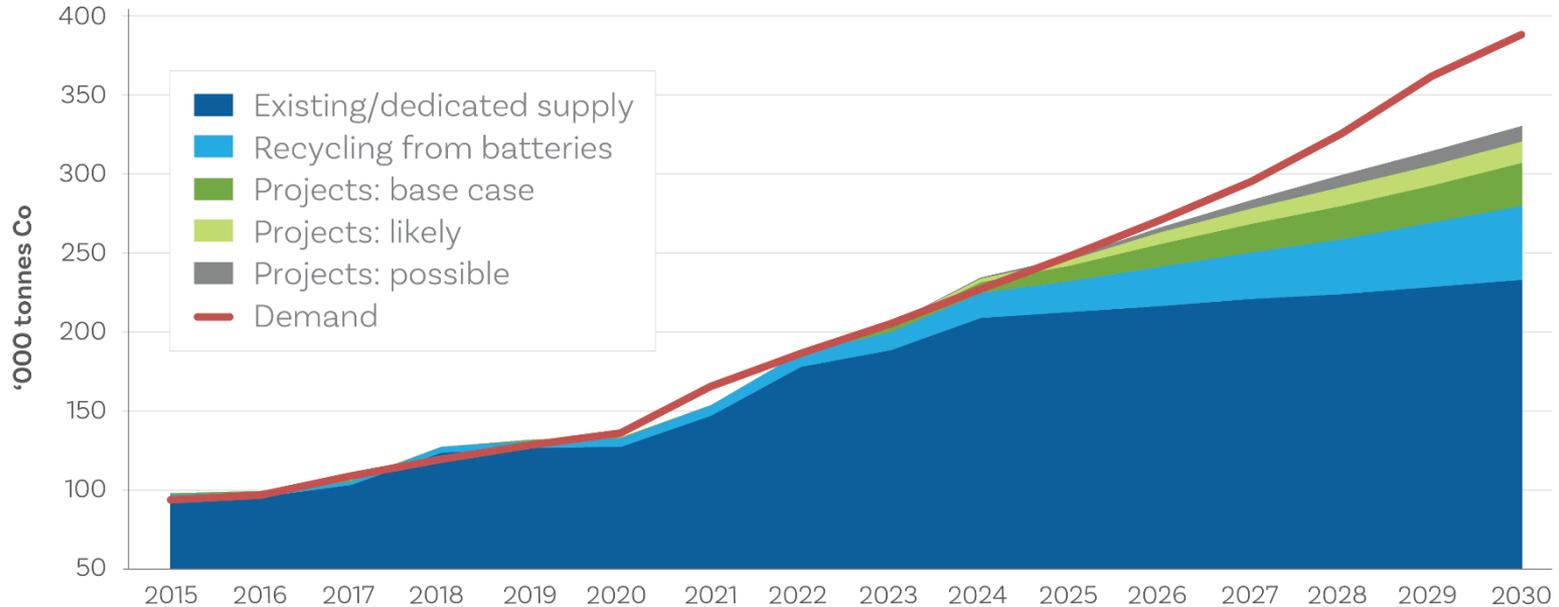


Cu Future Supply vs Demand

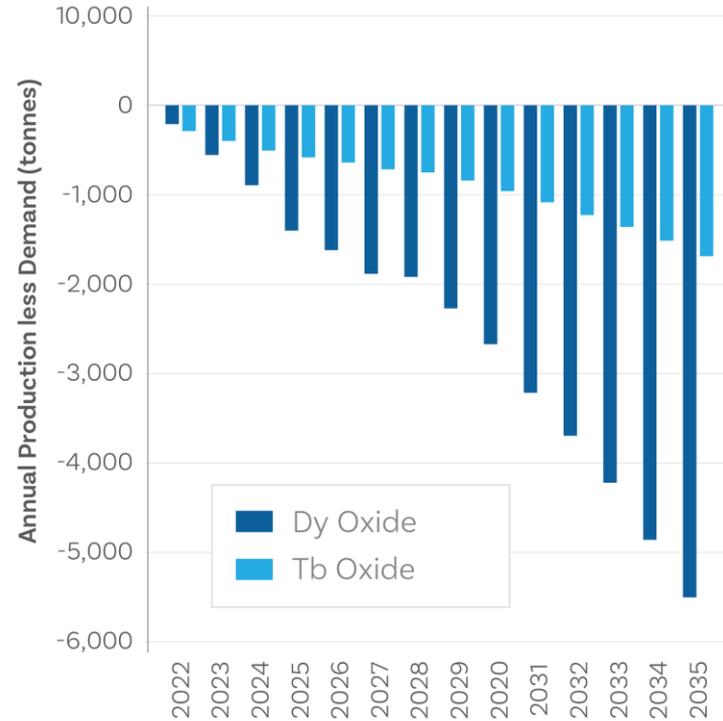
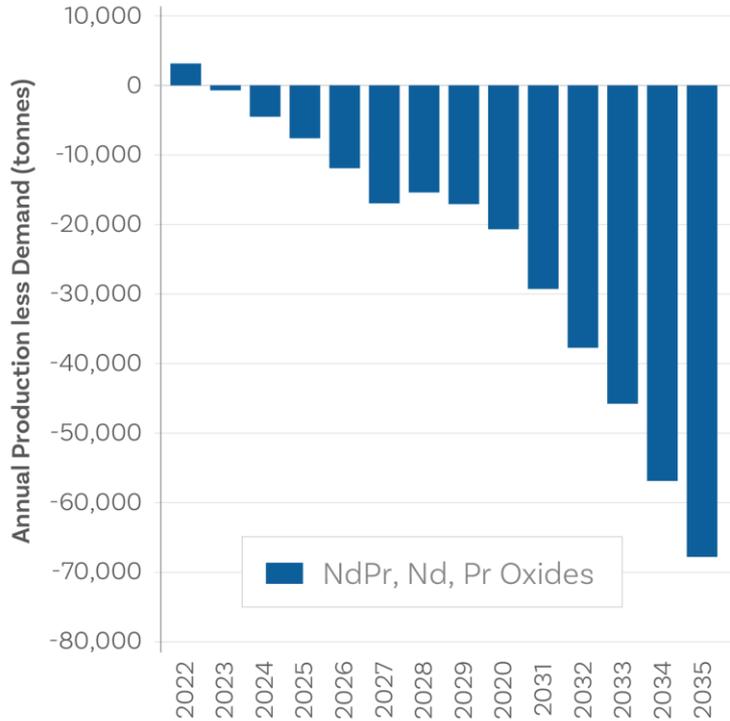


Cobalt future of supply and demand

Another ~50ktpa is required by 2025, reaching another ~150ktpa by 2030

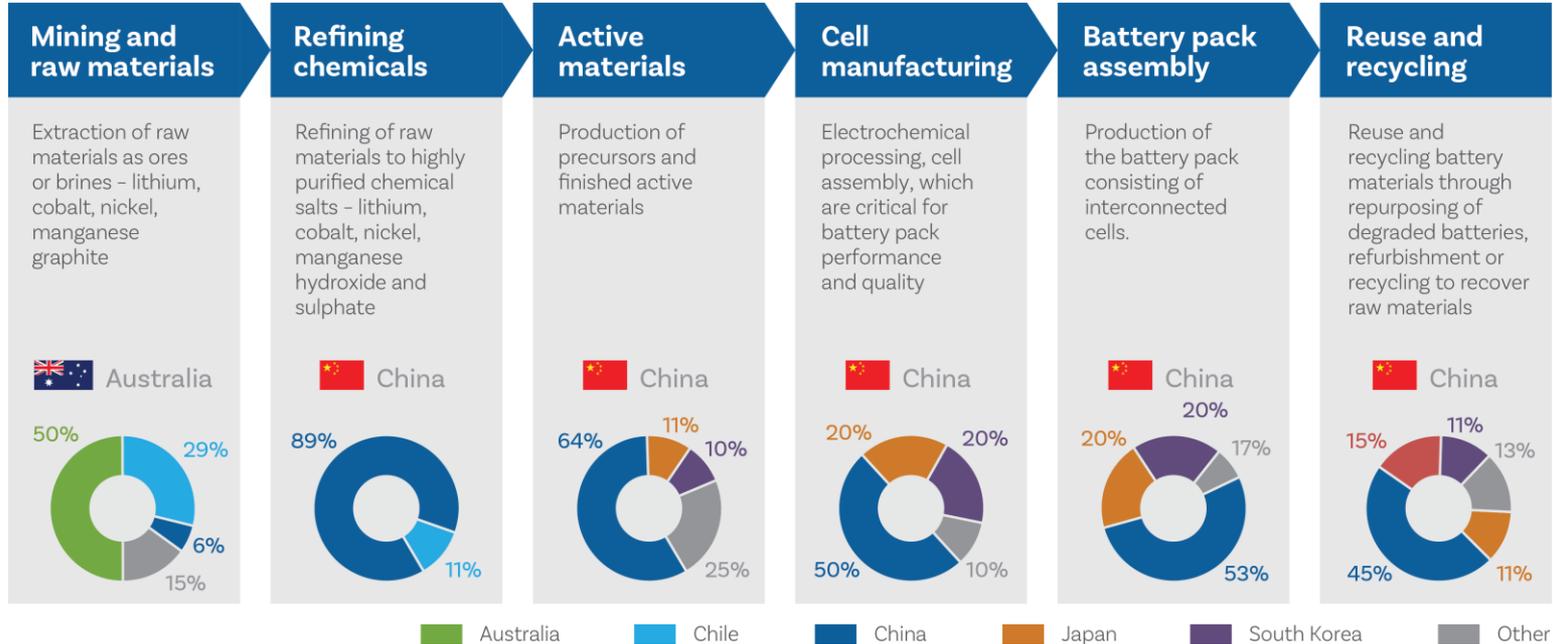


REE Future Supply vs Demand



The battery supply chain

Batteries are produced through a complex value chain, with Australia strong in mining and China dominant downstream



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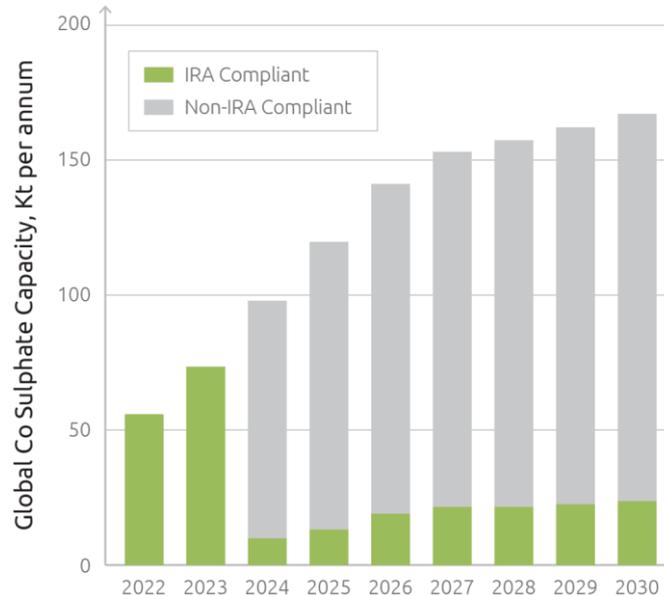
Source: Benchmark Minerals, Cobalt Blue Holdings Limited



US Inflation Reduction Act 2022 (IRA)

Invests US\$369bn in energy security, climate change programs and clean technologies over the next 10 years to help the US meet its climate goals. Currently holds bipartisan support for building out the domestic supply chain to promote the Energy Transition

US cobalt sulphate supply availability greatly reduced from 2024



Key Free Trade Agreement (FTA) countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- Chile
- South Korea
- Mexico
- Peru

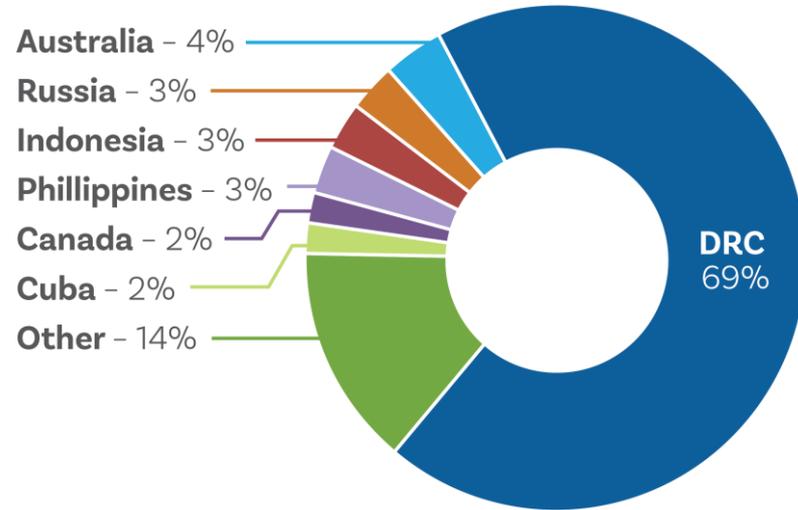


Cobalt's sources of supply

Current sources of supply

- 70% of global cobalt mined in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- 80% of global battery grade cobalt gets refined in **China**

Existing sources of cobalt supply



European Critical Raw Materials Act 2023



CRM Club: Establish a raw materials alliance with partners to strengthen supply chains and diversify sourcing.



Strategic Partnerships on Raw Materials: Expand our network of strategic raw materials partnerships.



Trade and Investment Agreements: Leverage and expand our trade agreements as regards raw materials extraction, processing and trade.



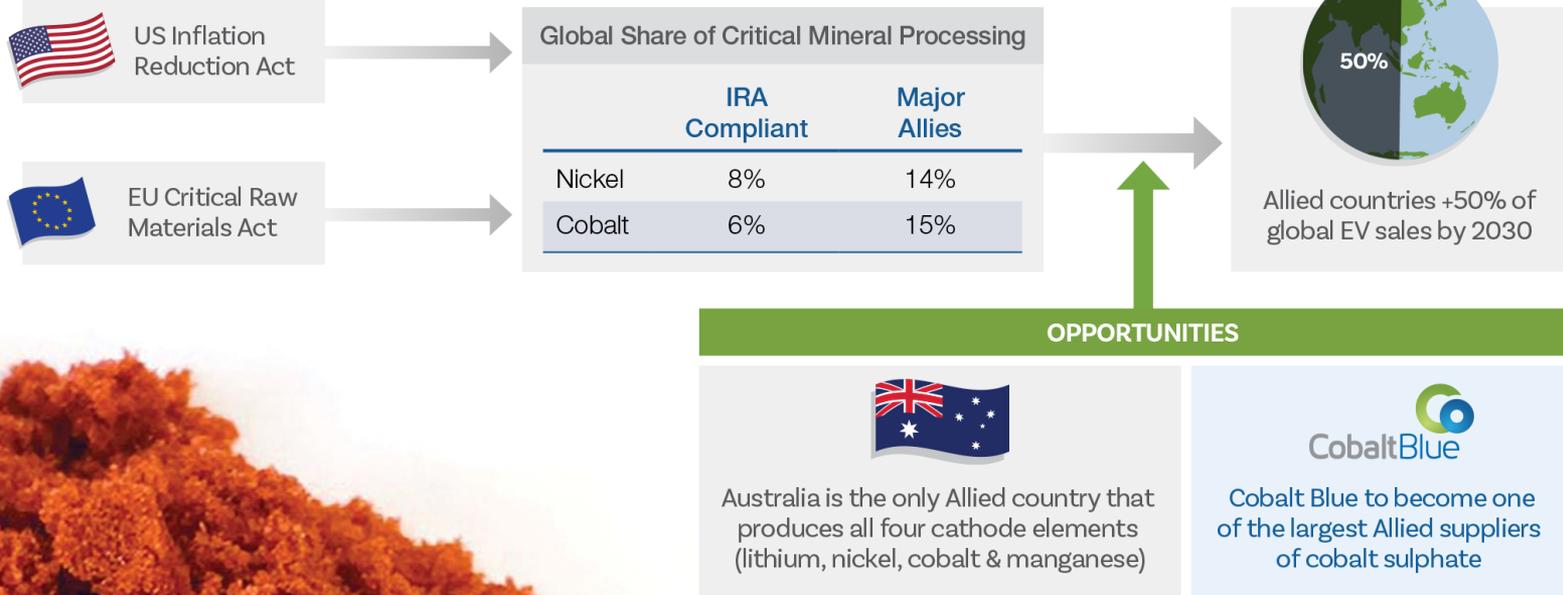
Global Gateway: Support critical raw material supply projects, including on infrastructure, connectivity and sustainability.



Enforcing Trade Rules: Continue to combat unfair trade practices, especially when they concern trade investment in or access to critical raw materials.



Building an allied supply chain

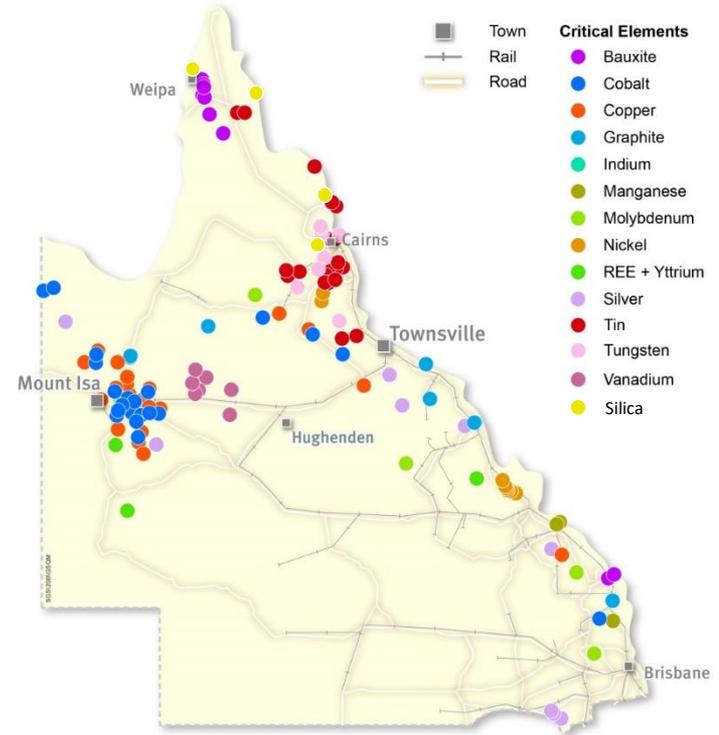


ESG: Environment, Social, Governance

- The ethics of supply
- Consumer and investor driven desire for transparency and to 'do the right thing' in product selection
- Failure to address ESG risks leads to:
 - erosion of public support for mining projects,
 - increasing scrutiny from downstream industries, investors and civil society,
 - short-term production disruptions
 - local and international resistance to mining investments



Queensland's critical minerals





*Ethical and reliable cobalt
for a more sustainable world*



Our aim: clean, responsible cobalt supply

The integrated Broken Hill Cobalt Project offers responsibly sourced cobalt

Targeted project life +20 years:

- Mineral Resource of 118Mt* for 81,400t cobalt.

Primary cobalt:

- 3,500 tpa of cobalt (as MHP or Cobalt Sulphate).
- 300,000 tpa of Elemental Sulphur.

Patented minerals processing tech for treating pyrite feedstocks:

- 90–95% recovery of cobalt from ore to product.



Waste Streams Project

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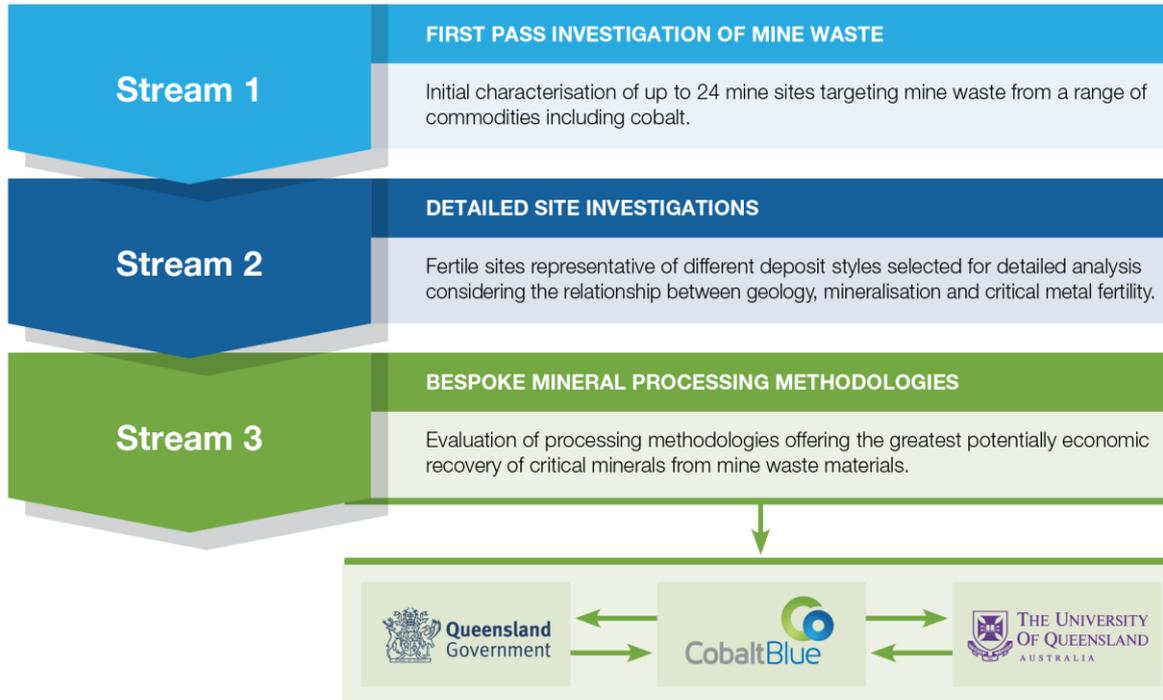
- Desktop reviews, focus on Northwest Minerals Province

December 2021

- Execution of MOU with Queensland Dept of Resources to collaborate on the Secondary Prospectivity project
 - Examining the prospectivity of mine waste for critical minerals
 - Identify opportunities for further development



DoR-UQ secondary prospectivity project





Waste Rock

Capricorn Copper Baal Gammon
Mount Oxide Horn Island
Pindora Mary Kathleen
Lady Annie



Tailings

Capricorn Copper Horn Island
Rocklands Mary Kathleen
Herberton Osborne
Mount Garnet Selwyn
Century



Spent Heap Leach

Mt Cuthbert Lady Annie
Pindora

Metallurgical Slimes

Phosphate Hill



Metallurgical Slag

Mount Morgan
Mount Chalmers (upcoming)



Bauxite Residues

Target in next campaign
Search for REEs, Ga, Ge



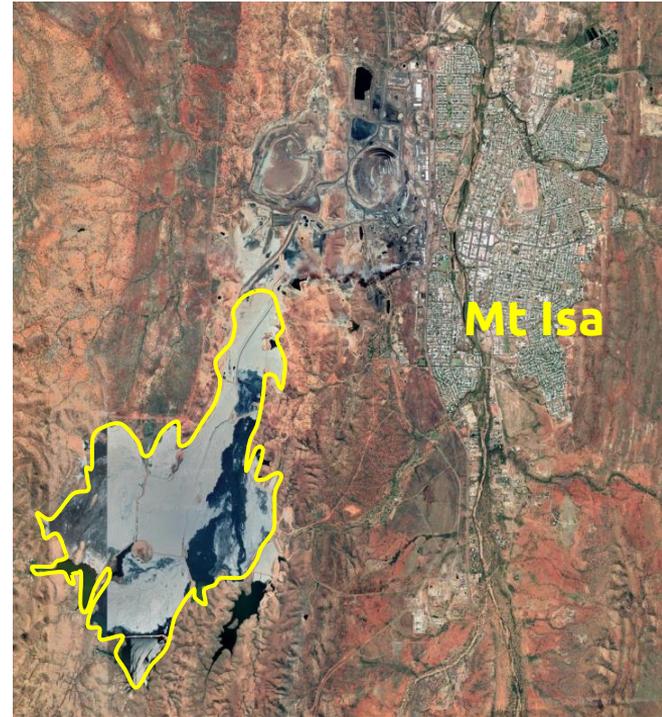
Coal Wash and Fly Ash

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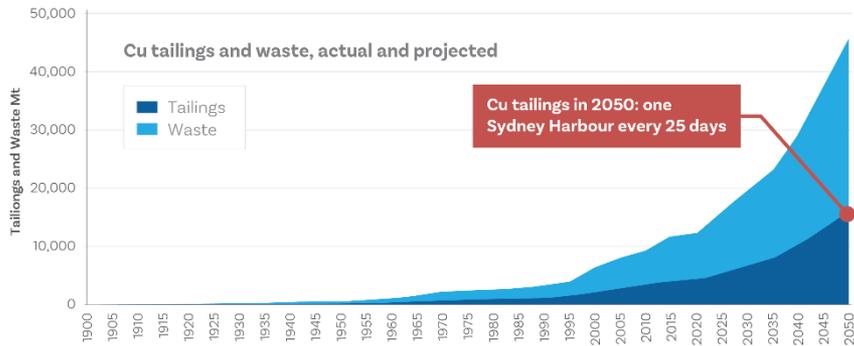
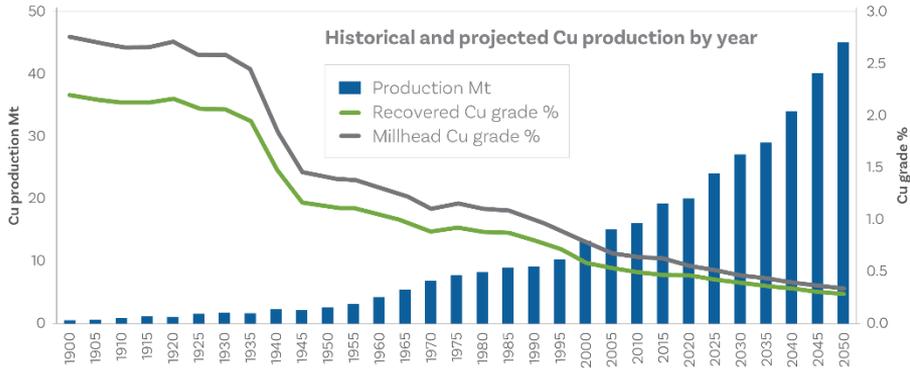
The opportunity of secondary prospectivity

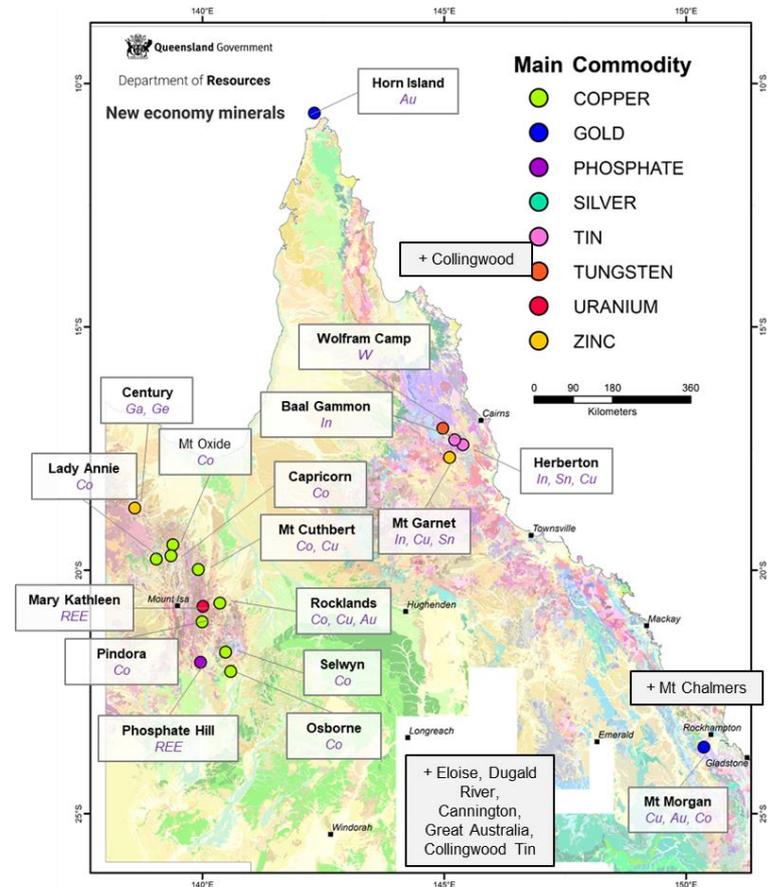
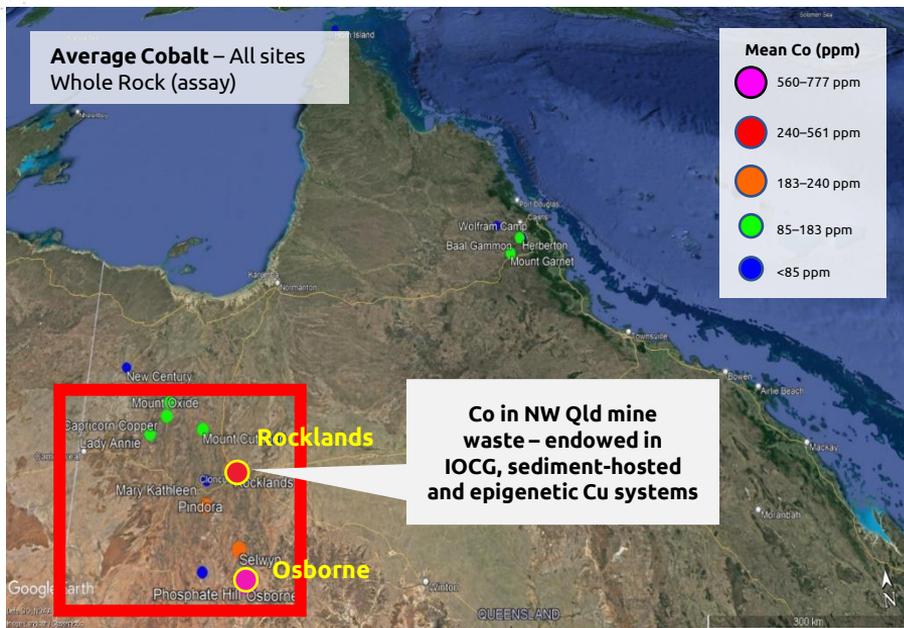
Example – Mount Isa copper mine:

- Reported spot grades up to 9% Cobalt
- No cobalt production since 1990's
- Approx 22km² tailings

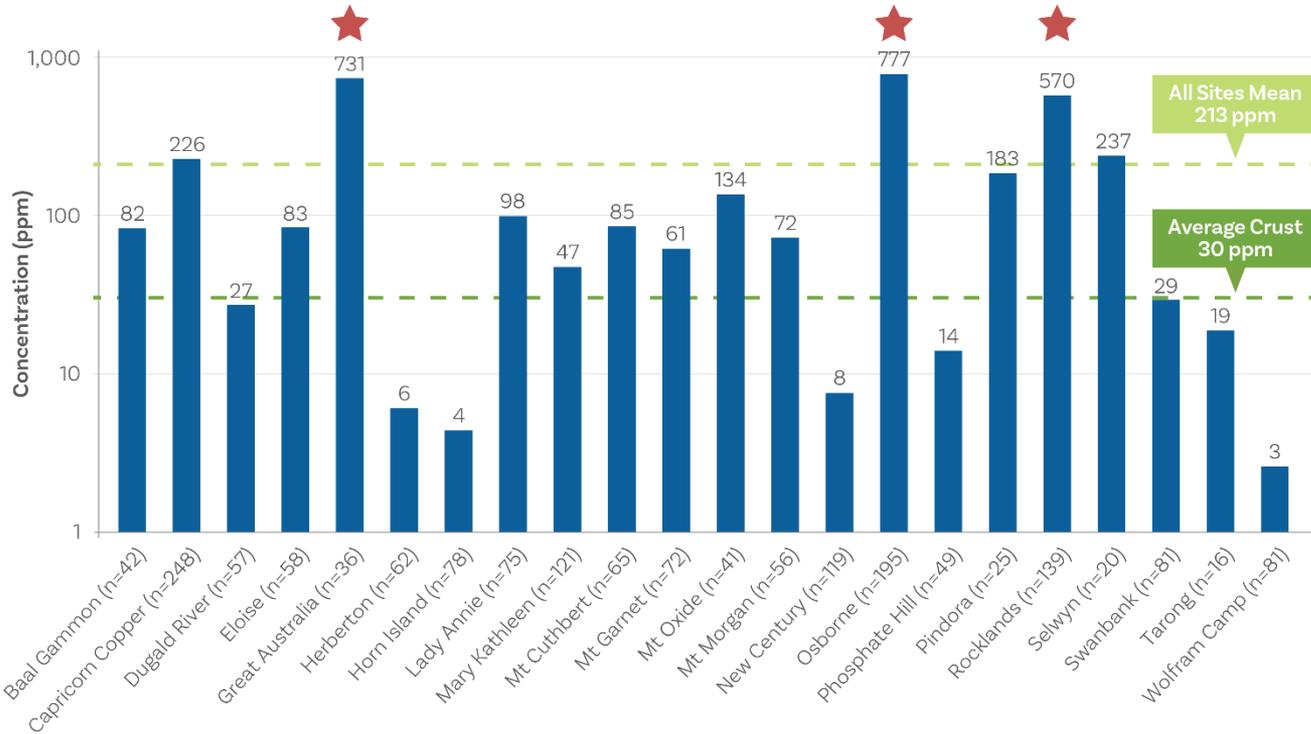


Cu tailings – 2050





Cobalt assays in Qld mine waste



Current example: New Century

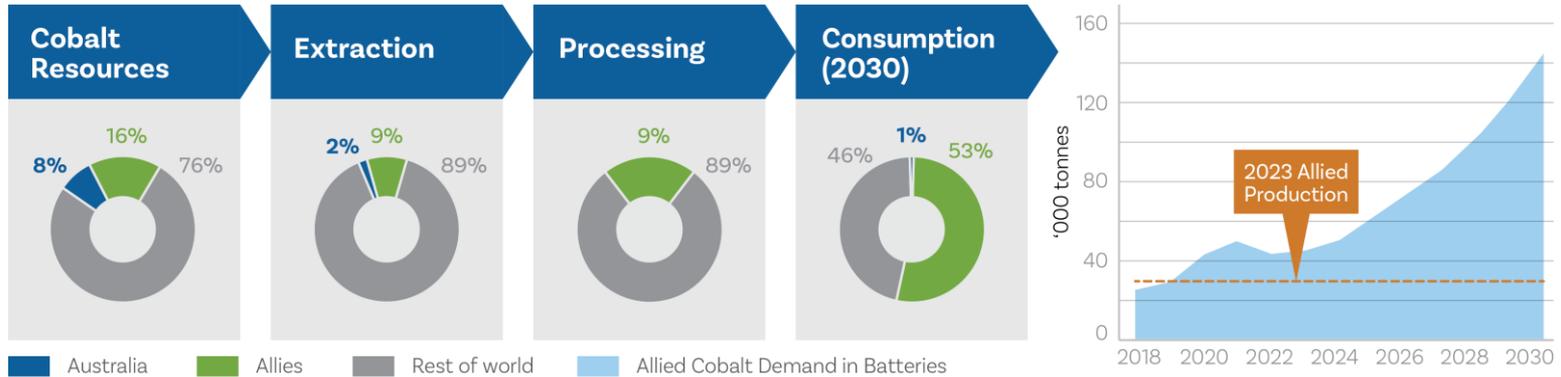


New Century Resources

- Century Zinc Mine
- **Tailings:** 77MT @ 3.1% Zneq



Building an allied supply chain



- Australia is the only country globally that mines all four of the cathode elements (lithium, nickel, cobalt and manganese).
- Overcoming the real chokepoint in critical minerals supply chain, **Processing**, cannot be addressed until the US/EU incentivize responsible and sustainable **Extraction**.
- Cobalt Blue is targeting an integrated approach focused on **Extraction** (Broken Hill) and **Processing** (Kwinana). Large scale **Extraction** and **Processing** in Australia will support secure global supply chains.



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