



Australian Mining: Building Australia's Prosperity Together

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Who we are

- The Minerals Council of Australia is the leading advocate for Australia's minerals industry, promoting and enhancing sustainability, profitability and competitiveness
- Broad based minerals sector company membership base
- Canberra National HQ with Offices in Darwin, Perth and Melbourne

\$2.5 trillion



GDP contribution

Mining industry's contribution to real Australian GDP in 2023-24.

ABS

\$395 billion



Royalties and taxes

Royalties paid by the mining industry from 2014-15 to 2023-24.

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\$27 billion

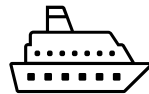


Mineral exploration

Exploration expenditure from 2014-14 to 2023-24.

ABS

\$2.9 trillion



Export earnings

Australian resources export revenue from 2014-15 to 2023-24.

ABS

\$242 billion



Investment

Mining industry investment from 2014-15 to 2023-34.

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>300k



Workforce

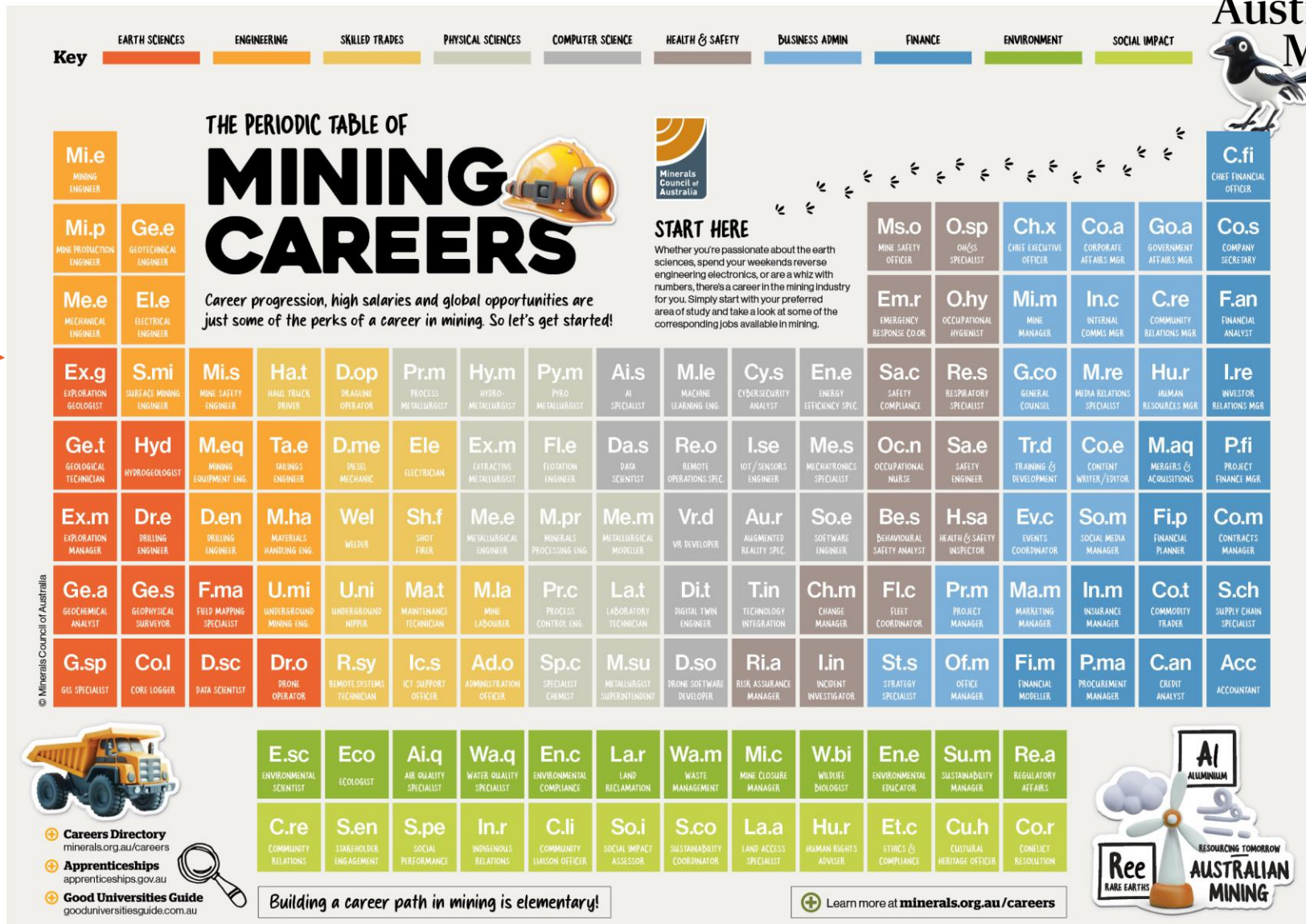
303,300 highly skilled, highly paid workers across Australia.

ABS, Deloitte Access Economics

we don't have these
valuable regional jobs
and careers

Average weekly pay in 2023-34, full-time adult total earnings.

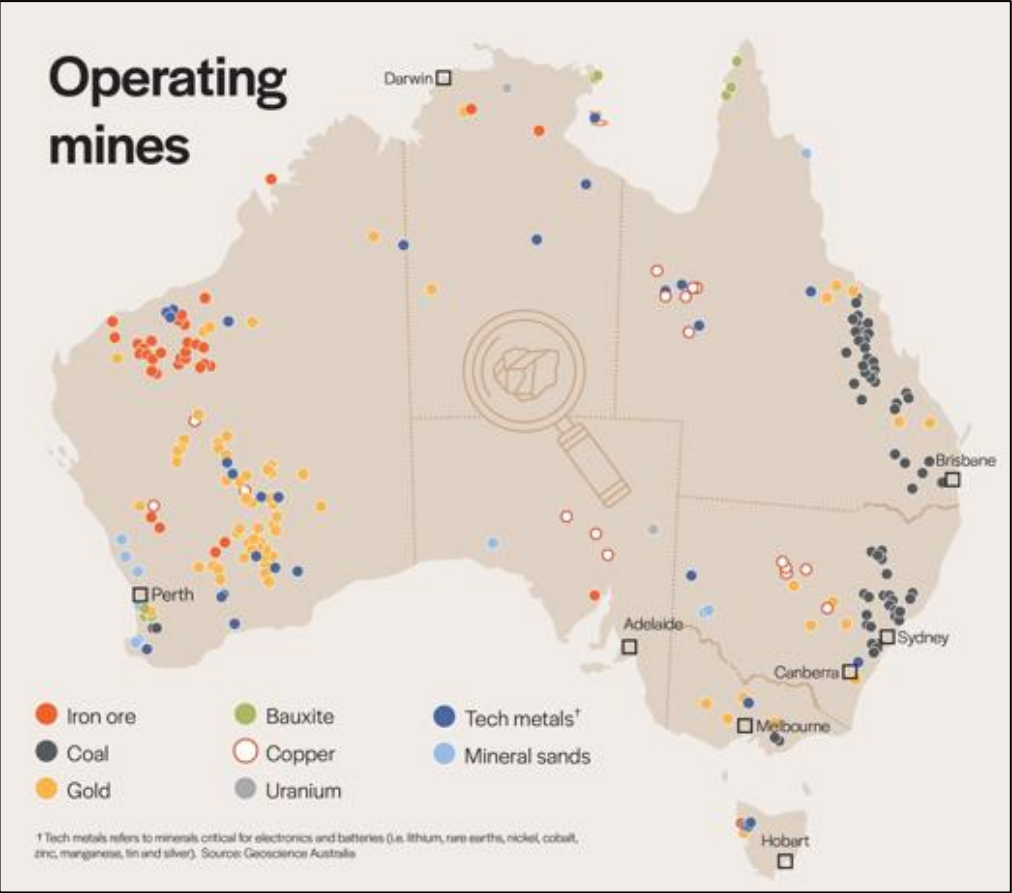
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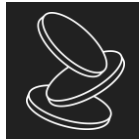



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Australia's mining industry

Over 300 operating mines across Australia



	Operating Mines	Ore Reserves	Production	Export Earnings	World Rank
Gold	157	4,486 t Au	296 t Au	\$28.4 bn	3
Coal	95	13,912 Mt	428 Mt	\$103.2 bn	5
Iron ore	46	24,405 Mt	953 Mt	\$136.3 bn	1
Copper	27	27.4 Mt Cu	0.78 Mt Cu	\$11.7 bn	8
					

Source: Geoscience Australia, *Australia's Identified Mineral Resources 2024*

From *Future Critical* to *Minerals-plus*:

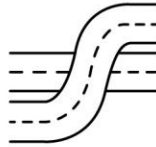
A step forward for government and industry



Reduce the regulatory burden to attract investment



Advance policies that support competitive project returns



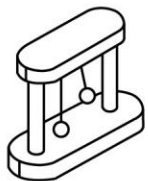
Deliver efficient public infrastructure and services



Make support for mining a political imperative



Put business and productivity at the centre of fiscal policy



Let markets do their thing

Regulation that strengthens mining

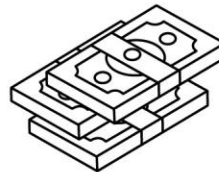
- Retain the fuel tax credit
- Ensure least cost abatement under SGM



Address the weak links

Mining is not just 'dig and ship'

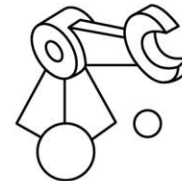
- Increase approvals efficiencies
- Put productivity into IR
- Improve community benefits



Augment private capital

Guard rails for public investment

- Level investment playing field
- Invest in common user mobile assay labs



Leverage opportunities

Downstream success starts with mining

- Activate the single front door
- Fund common user plan
- Integrate into clean energy supply chains



Communities

- Everyday the mining industry supports communities by providing high value local jobs, essential services and critical infrastructure.
- Respectful relationships, enduring community benefits and fair, transparent practices underpin trust in mining.
- Excellence in social performance also depends on strong relationships. Australian mining is working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, regional communities, non-government organisations, governments and academia to demonstrate and strengthen social performance across the mining lifecycle.





Local content/Local focus

- The industry seeks to employ locals first and works hard to attract and retain new workers in regional communities.
- Regional Australia is home to some of the nation's most innovative mining equipment, technology and services companies.
- The industry will increase local procurement to support local businesses and keep economic benefits in mining communities.

More to Australian Mining





\$1.64 billion

Procurement

Total reportable
Indigenous-business
procurement accounted for
from mining in 2024-25.

Supply Nation



There's more to
**Australian
Mining**

Indigenous partnerships

- Shaping frameworks for deeper and enduring partnerships with Traditional Owner communities that align economic opportunity with respect for Country and cultural heritage.
- Partnerships are grounded in dialogue, co-design, and mutual accountability and are integral to mining's core business.
- MCA members directly employ approximately 6,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the average annual mining industry salary in Australia being \$158,800.

Industry coalition

Fuel Tax Credit Alliance



The WA Network



Every Australian has a stake in Australia minerals





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