

MITEZ pays its respect to the traditional custodians and elders of this country and acknowledges the more than 60,000 years of First Nations knowledge and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.



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Maria James
MITEZ CEO

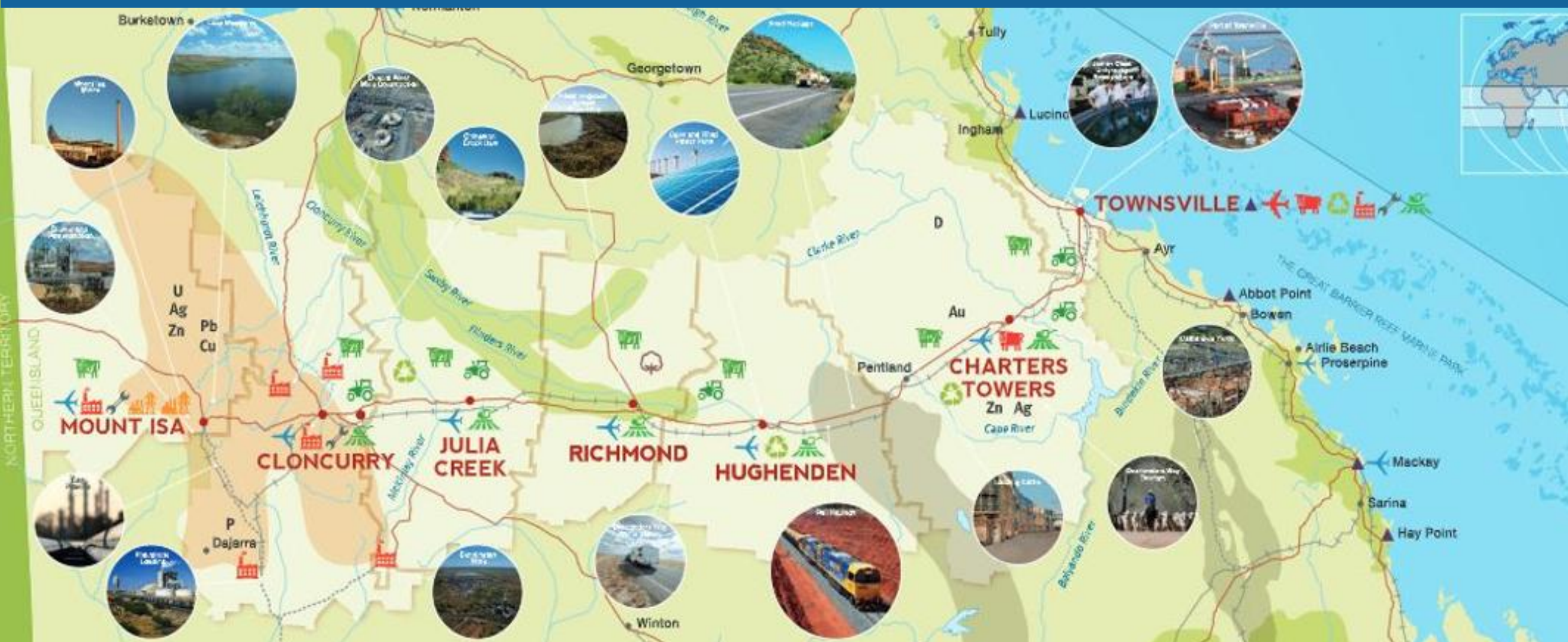
The MITEZ Corridor

Driving Regional Prosperity



The MITEZ corridor

As one of Australia's largest resource and infrastructure corridors to domestic and global markets, the MITEZ corridor mines, processes, grows and exports in-demand commodities.





One Inextricably Linked Corridor

Resources · Agriculture · Tourism · Infrastructure · Domestic & Export Markets

900km \$22.6B 4.2% 16%

Mount Isa to
Townsville

Gross Regional
Product

of Queensland's
Gross State Product

of Queensland's
Land Area

7 Local Government Areas

Mount Isa · Cloncurry · McKinlay · Richmond · Flinders · Charters Towers · Townsville



Strategic and Critical Minerals



Queensland has the resources, industrial capability, infrastructure, workforce and ambition.

Cobalt
Copper
Gold
Graphite
Lead
Molybdenum
Phosphate
REE
Rhenium
Silver
Vanadium
Yttrium
Zinc



MOUNT ISA TO TOWNSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE



A Corridor of Globally Significant Resources

Base Metals · Strategic Minerals · Critical Minerals

\$700B

Total
Mineral
Resource
Value

5.0Bt

Vanadium

1.3Bt

Phosphate

3-6.0Mt

Rare Earth Oxides

Base Metals

GLENCORE



High Analysis Fertiliser & Phosphate



Vanadium



MULTICOM





Major Refineries



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NWMP connected by Road and Rail to Port of Townsville



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Port of Townsville Expansion Project: 6 new berths 150ha reclamation



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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coupled with burgeoning
renewable resources



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Live: Gas fired and Renewables

Pipeline: Transmission line and Renewables

Live

Diamantina Power Station

242MW

APA

Dugald River Solar

88MW

APA

Kennedy Energy Park

43MW wind 15MW solar 2MW storage

*** WINDLAB**

Pipeline

**CopperString
2032**

**1000km
Transmission Line
Townsville to Mt Isa**

QIC



**Sybella Creek Solar Farm
77MW**

APA

**Dugald River Wind Project
144MW and BESS**



**Gawara Baya Wind Project
400MW**

*** WINDLAB**

Pipeline

Bogunda Energy Hub

850MW wind 500MW solar 500MW BESS



Mount James Wind Farm

1000MW



North Queensland Super Hub

Wongalee 1.4GW & Prairie 800MW



Cameron Downs Energy Park

1.5GW





a flourishing agricultural industry

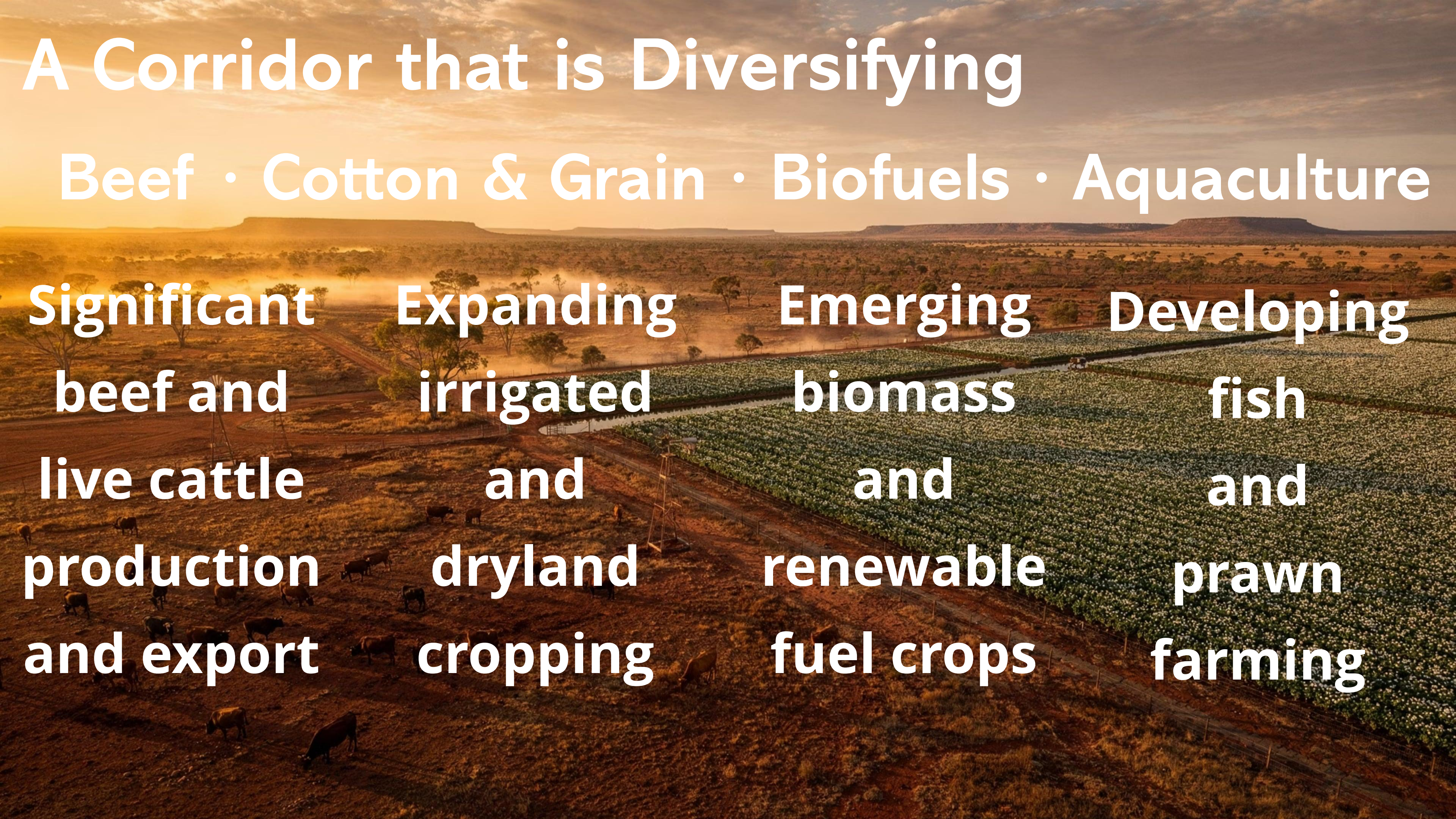


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A Corridor that is Diversifying

Beef · Cotton & Grain · Biofuels · Aquaculture



Significant beef and live cattle production and export

Expanding irrigated and dryland cropping

Emerging biomass and renewable fuel crops

Developing fish and prawn farming

Endless Opportunity in the MITEZ Corridor

- **NWMP well positioned to meet critical/strategic minerals demand as the world transitions to renewables.**
- **MITEZ corridor well positioned geographically for renewables and can leverage from CopperString to unlock potential.**
- **Well established logistic supply chains from west to east.**
- **Townsville well positioned to value-add through processing and manufacturing.**
- **Renewable energy projects already in place.**

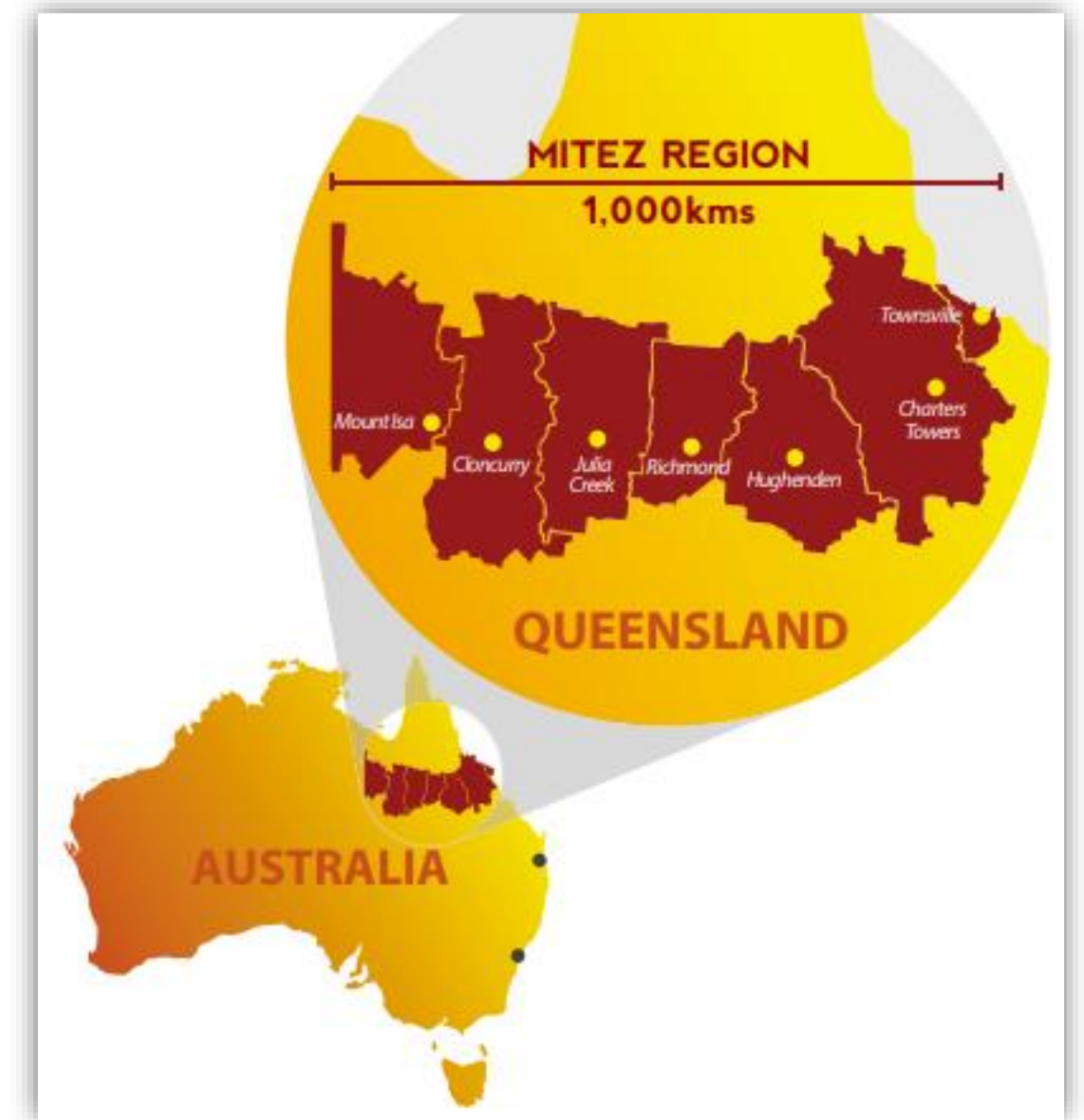


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MITEZ Strategic Priorities

- **Reliable, affordable and sustainable energy**
- **Competitive, cost-effective and resilient freight logistics**
- **Water availability, certainty and security**
- **End-to-end value chain optimisation**
- **Compelling, robust and profitable investment environment**
- **Regulatory reforms and streamlined approvals process**
- **Housing development and community infrastructure**



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Member-Based Advocacy

Coalition of industry · local government · community

50+

Member
Organisations

8

Industry
Categories

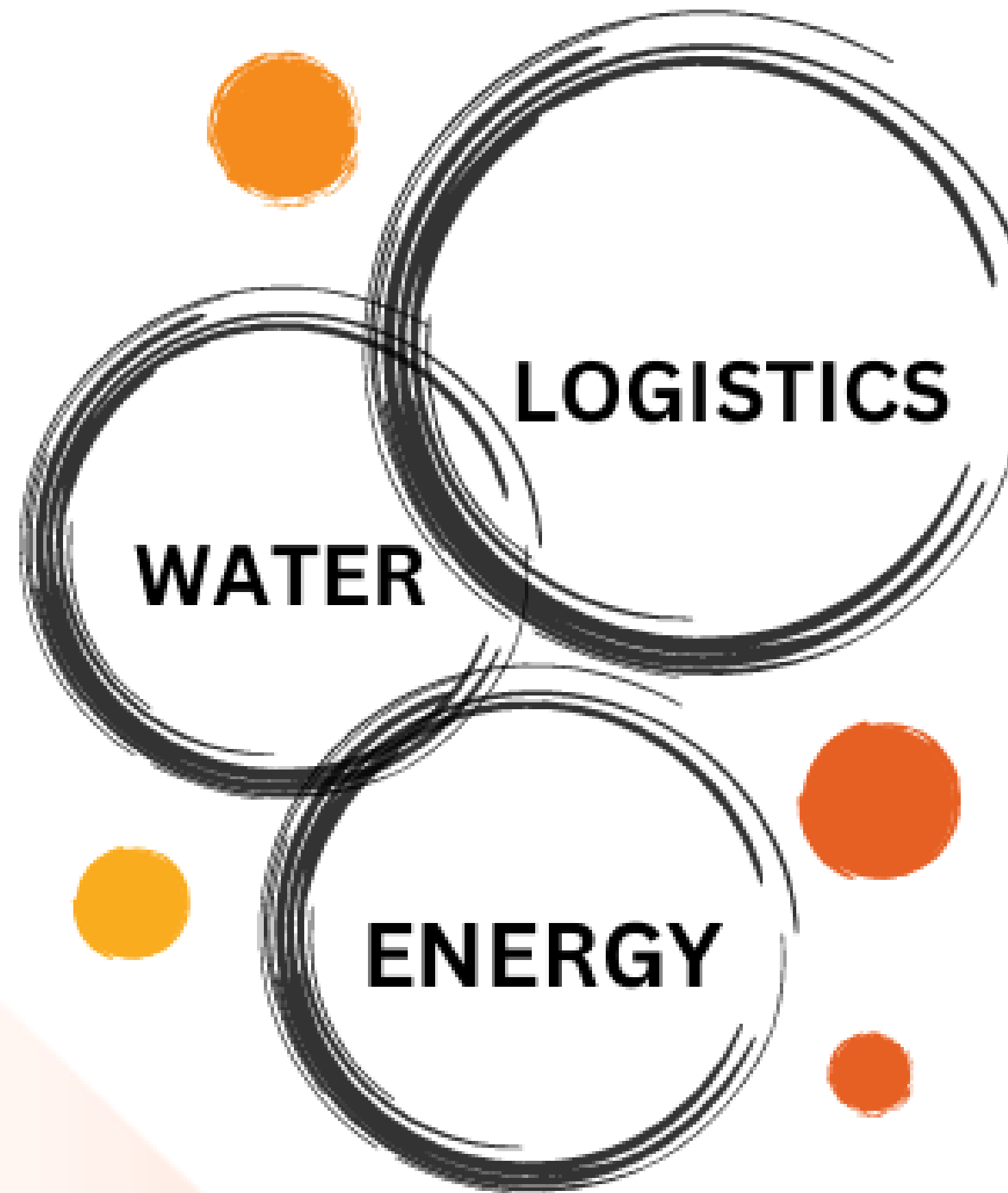
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LGA
Members

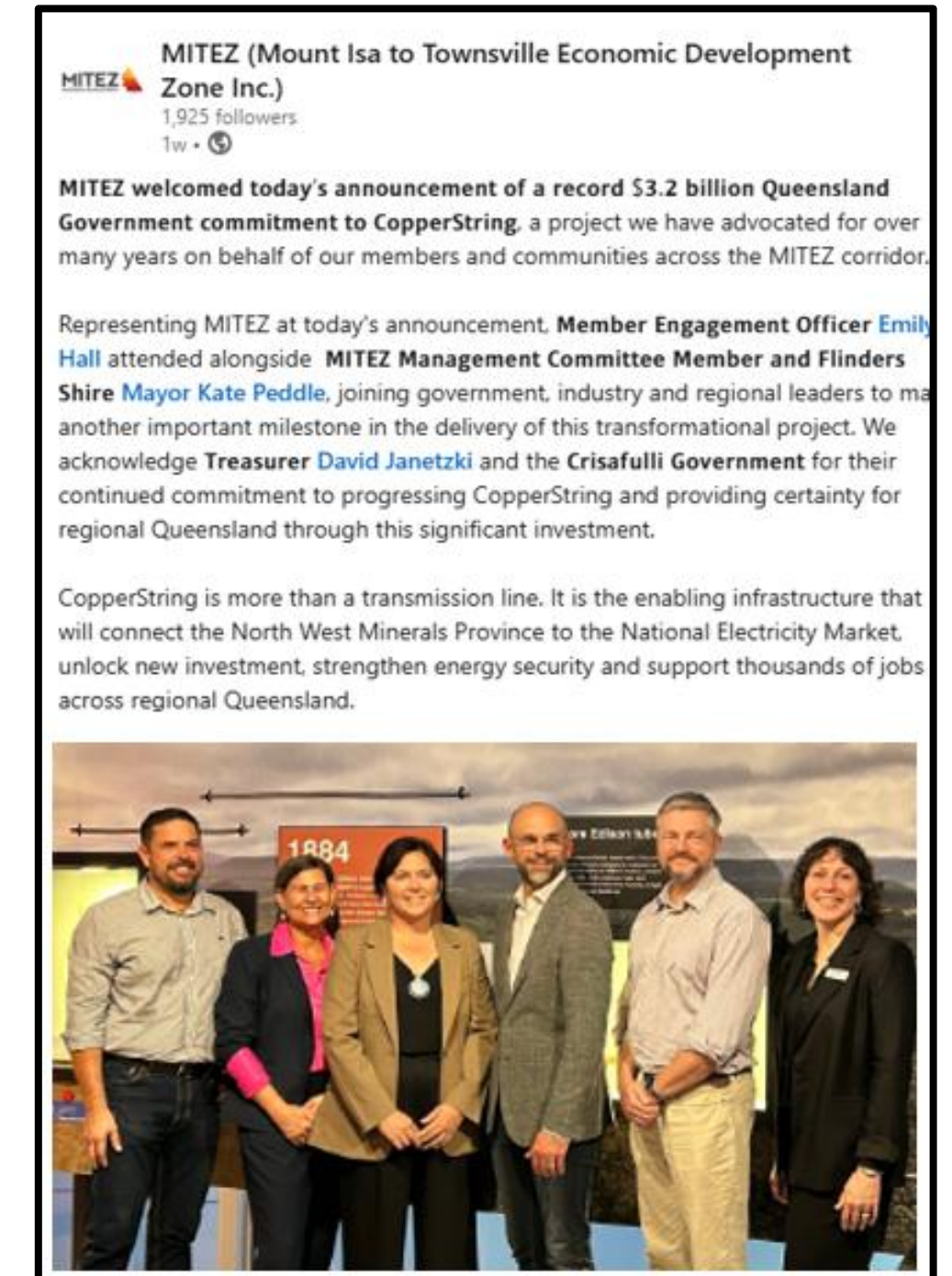
Driving economic development across the MITEZ corridor

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Top Priorities



Energy



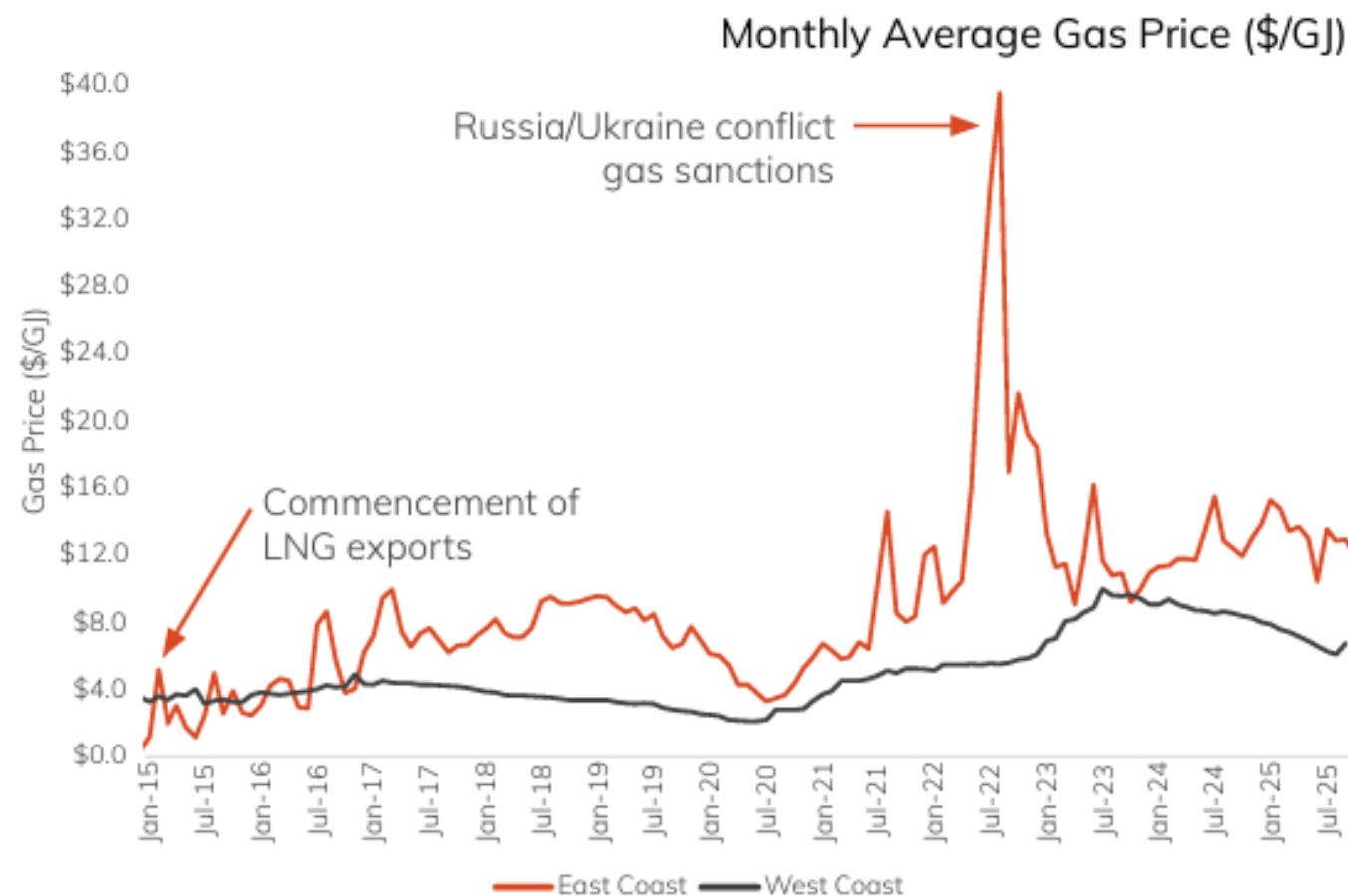
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Why Competitive Energy Matters in North West Queensland

The East Coast Gas Market:
An Issue of National Significance

East Coast Gas prices have tripled, leaving domestic consumers exposed to spikes in energy and production input costs.



A competitive energy market in North West Queensland depends on decisive short- and mid to long-term action:

Short Term: 2026

1 Secure Domestic Gas Supply

Commit to an enforceable East Coast gas **reservation policy**, reserving at least 30% of production for domestic use to stabilise supply and prices. The North West faces acute exposure to gas costs, with limited alternatives for power and processing. Domestic reservation is critical to restore balance and competition across the East Coast market.

2 Unlock Regional Supply through the Beetaloo Basin

Accelerate Beetaloo Basin development to expand regional gas supply and place downward pressure on prices. Increased production will strengthen energy security for industry in the North West and across the national market.

Mid-Long Term: by 2030

3 Deliver the \$200 Million North West Energy Fund

Activate the Fund to invest in local **generation and storage solutions** that improve network efficiency, diversify supply, and drive the region's energy transition. This investment should deliver practical, scalable outcomes that enhance reliability and sustainability.

4 Commit to NEM Connection via Copperstring's Western Link

Deliver full connection to the National Electricity Market by 2030 to underpin long-term energy certainty. This will enable renewable and gas generation in the North West to serve the national grid, provide firming capacity, and reduce the region's reliance on gas-fired power.



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Australia Unveils Mandatory Gas Reservation Scheme for LNG Exporters to Secure Domestic Supply

Federal government mandates exporters on the east coast to reserve a share of gas for local use from 2027 in a bid to address looming supply gaps and ease rising prices.

From 1 July 2027, the 20% domestic reservation is expected to place sustained downward pressure on gas prices, protect industry and households from global price volatility, and safeguard Australia's energy security by addressing looming supply shortfalls.



JOINT STATEMENT

Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership
The Honourable David Janetzki

Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development
The Honourable Dale Last

Crisafulli Government backs gas sector to deliver for Queensland

- **The Crisafulli Government calls on Canberra to defer and redesign its flawed domestic gas reservation scheme to protect investment, jobs and economic growth.**
- **Queensland industry is bearing the cost of the Federal Government's reservation policy, so it should be supporting Queensland, not southern States who are bound by ideological decisions to not support their gas industries.**
- **The proposed scheme would create uncertainty for the industry, risk investment and new supply, hurt regional jobs and increase domestic gas prices over the long term.**
- **The Crisafulli Government continues to support new gas supply, investment and production while the Federal Government undermines the industry with further intervention.**



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QIC is engaging with potential partners to deliver localised energy solutions in Queensland’s North-West Minerals Province (NWMP).

A market sounding process is now underway for QIC’s \$200 million North West Energy Fund (NWEF) which was announced as a key initiative in the Queensland Energy Roadmap.

The \$200 million North West Energy Fund will support local generation and storage solutions — in partnership with the private sector — across Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Richmond. This will deliver improved reliability and lower energy prices by increasing supply across those regions.



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CopperString powers ahead for regional Queensland

- The Crisafulli Government's \$200 million North West Energy Fund secures progress for new battery storage and wind farm to power Dugald River Mine along the CopperString corridor.
- A new \$20 million commitment for road improvements and utility upgrades to help safe and reliable passage for transport operators and large equipment.
- CopperString progressing with tender awarded for bulk earthworks at Flinders Substation.
- The Crisafulli Government is delivering CopperString and a better lifestyle through a stronger economy, after a decade of decline under Labor.

Cloncurry mine’s move to renewables backed by state government fund



By Ben Carr
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A zinc mine near Cloncurry could be almost entirely powered by renewables with the help of a state energy fund.

Dugald River, owned by Chinese miner MMG, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Queensland government to further its development of a new battery storage system and wind farm.



CopperString

QIC will deliver the Eastern Link of CopperString with major construction commencing by 2028 and commercial operations by 2032 (subject to approvals).

On-the-ground works will commence at the \$225 million Flinders Substation in 2026 which will feed new generation across the Flinders Shire into the Eastern Link of CopperString, connecting to the NEM.

In March, Powerlink progressed preliminary works on the Flinders Substation, releasing the tender for bulk earthworks at the site which are due to commence in the later part of the year.



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Record investment drives CopperString with works underway

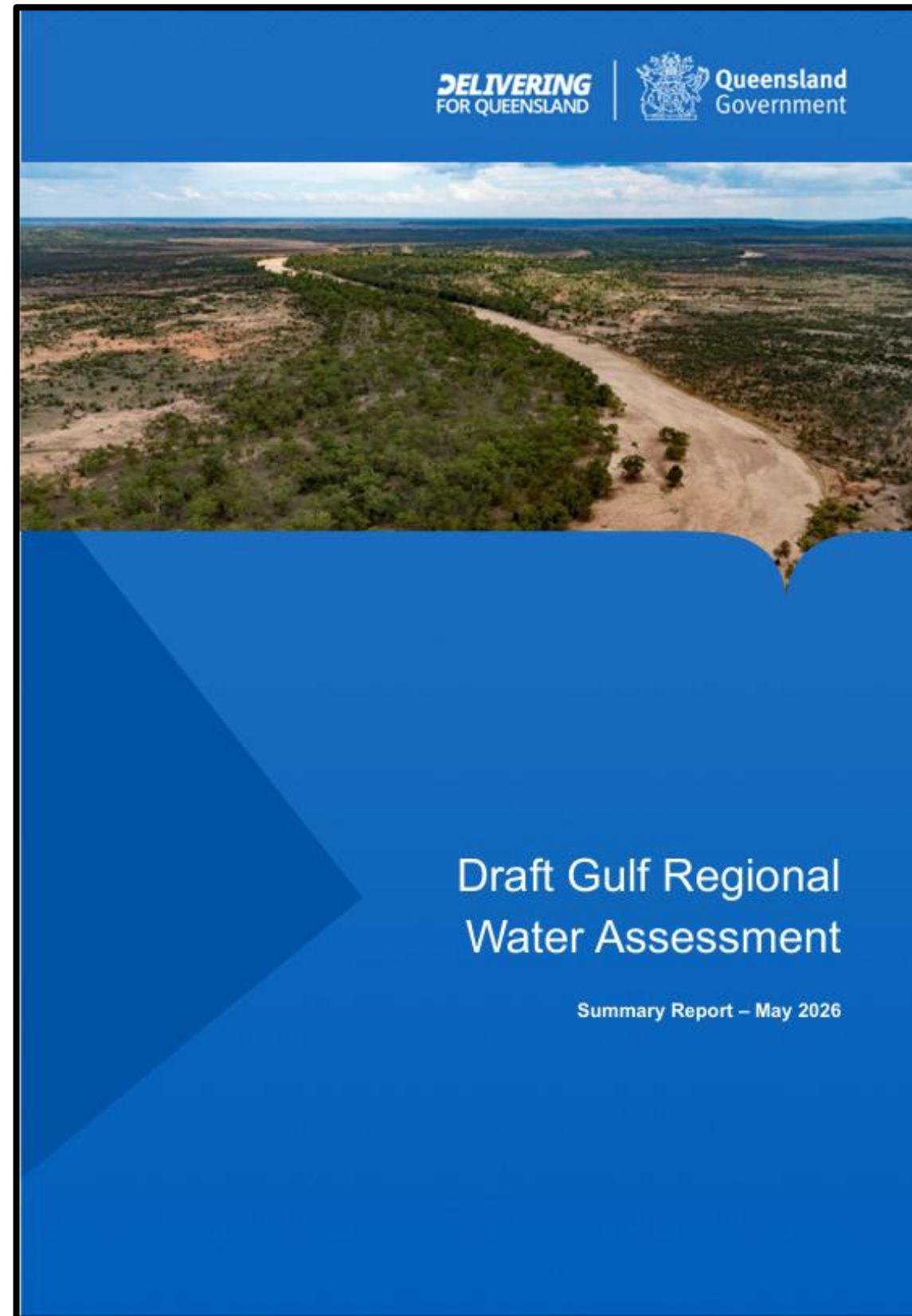
- The Crisafulli Government's 2026-27 Budget to deliver record \$3.2 billion CopperString investment.
- Ground broken at Flinders Substation with early works progressing on Eastern Link after years of delays and billions of dollars in blowouts under the former Labor Government.
- The Crisafulli Government is delivering a plan for Queensland's future and a better lifestyle through a stronger economy after a decade of decline under Labor.



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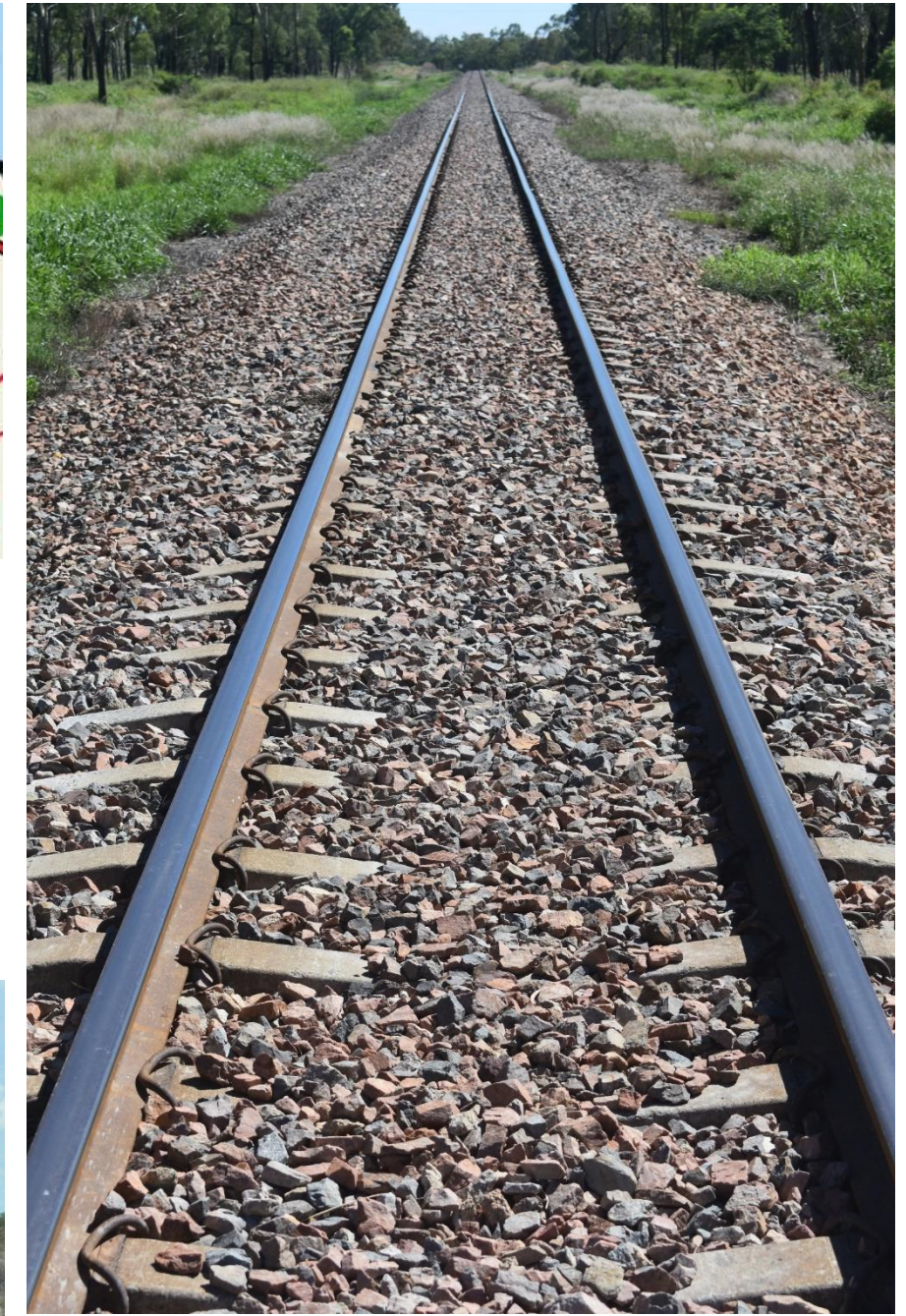
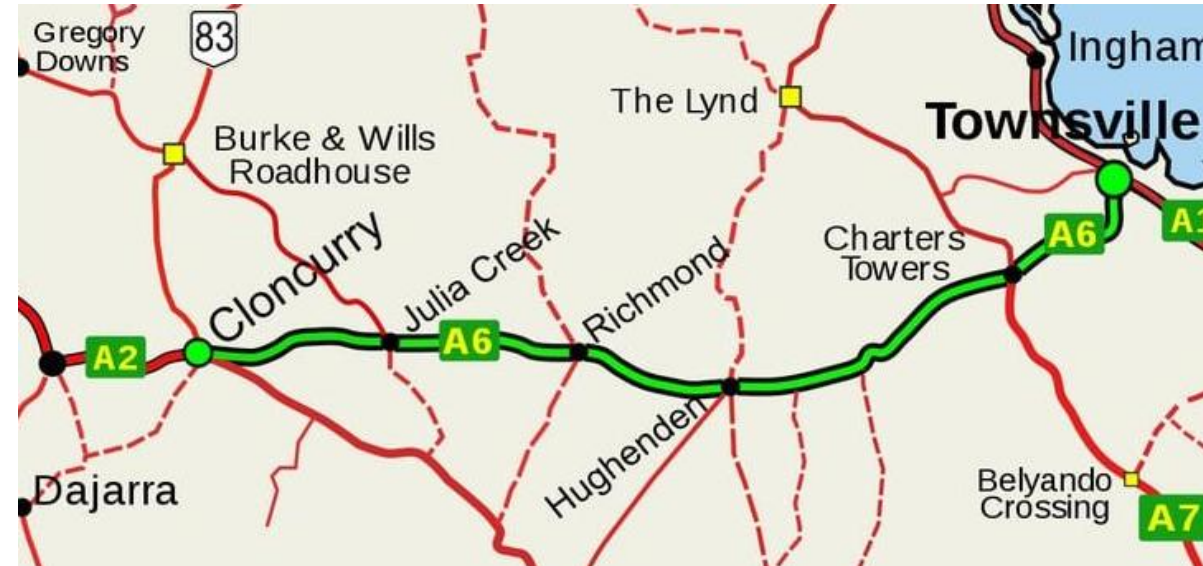
Water



**MITEZ representation
on both
Stakeholder Advisory
Group (SAG)
And
Working Group (WG)**



Freight Logistics



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Rail subsidy to boost North West industry

The State Government has unveiled a four-year scheme that will see all Mount Isa line users benefit from a 10 per cent subsidy on below-rail access charges.

It comes as the Crisafulli Government positions itself to bid for United States critical minerals funding, with a starting package of \$300 million of projects for investment in Queensland, including upgrading this key rail line.

Two projects ready to go from the NWMP as part of a jointly funded US deal:

- A resource common user facility outside of Townsville can be used to supercharge explorers and miners to get their products to market faster for \$37 million.
- A \$227 million capital injection on the Mount Isa to Townsville rail line, which can open up untapped opportunities for the North West and make it viable to get critical minerals to market quickly and reliably.



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The Honourable Dale Last

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

The Honourable Brent Mickelberg

Mount Isa Rail Subsidy delivers certainty for Northern Queensland

- The Crisafulli Government is delivering a four-year, 10 per cent subsidy on below-rail access charges for Mount Isa Line users.
- The initiative strengthens regional supply chains, helps protect skilled regional jobs, reduce freight costs to unlock growth in the North West Minerals Province.
- The Crisafulli Government is delivering a plan for North Queensland’s future and building a better lifestyle through a stronger economy after a decade of decline under Labor.



Statewide Open Access Intermodal Terminal Network investigation (SITN)

Project overview

The SITN project aims to identify small-medium scale 'open access' intermodal development site opportunities along all key freight corridors in the state based on supply chain opportunity and industry demand. This work will inform future road/rail network and intermodal rail freight investment between government and industry.

This project will consider the transport of a wide range of emerging freight tasks by rail, including mining inputs in North Queensland and non-time critical logistics such as waste and scrap metal in Southeast Queensland.

The development of bespoke rail freight solutions to improve agriculture logistics in Southwest and Central Queensland is a key focus of the project team.

The project is prioritising consideration of state and local government owned land in close proximity to the heavy vehicle road network and rail infrastructure. The project is being informed by detailed freight demand forecasting, economic assessments and stakeholder engagement with industry, local government and state agencies.

Working with the Critical Minerals sector and major project proponents is a priority in identifying potential sites where government and industry can jointly develop open access intermodal terminals on the Mount Isa Line and across the state.

Providing greater intermodal access to freight rail infrastructure at key locations, particularly in regional areas, will generate more customer demand resulting in greater volumes of cargo being transported by rail, which in turn will spread and lower the cost of above and below rail access charges to individual operators.

Developing integrated logistics using combinations of road and rail will support the development of new business opportunities for regional road transport companies to expand their services and reduce operating costs by using intermodal rail services to move cargo over longer distances. A report recommending intermodal development opportunities for delivery will be provided for government consideration in late 2025.



Advocating for improved Reliability, Resilience and Productivity:

- Open access intermodal
- Speed uplifts
- Increased structural gauge
- Flooding resilience
- Improved recovery after disruptions



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Sovereign Capability



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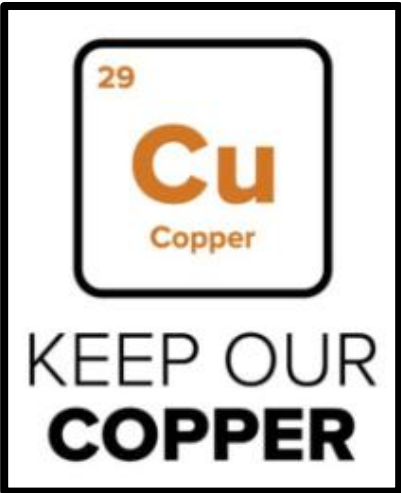


Glencore refinery sites stay open with taxpayer funds

By Abbey Halter, Maddie Nixon and Zara Margolis

ABC North West Qld Copper

Wed 8 Oct



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Landmark deal to protect regional Queensland jobs and strengthen Australia's copper capability

The Albanese Government and Crisafulli Government will invest up to \$600 million over the next three years in Glencore’s Mount Isa Copper Smelter and Townsville Refinery – protecting more than 600 direct jobs and a further 500 jobs at the nearby Phosphate Hill facility.

The Mount Isa Copper Smelter underpins thousands of jobs through North West Queensland’s interconnected industrial system and processing and refining supply chain.

This support package will alleviate immediate pressures on the facility and reinforce Australia’s position as a key global supplier of copper in an increasingly competitive market.

Funding will be provided in three payments of up to \$200 million over the next three years, contingent on the completion of a transformation study, alongside other review points.

The transformation study will focus on driving sustainable and long-term industrial capability in Mount Isa. It will evaluate the end-to-end copper value chain in the region and seek to understand the long-term opportunity for the facilities, industry and Mount Isa workers beyond the support period, positioning the region for a more diverse and resilient future.



Mount Isa transformation study set to shape next chapter

The Queensland Government reveals that the next step in securing a “*strong*” future for the Mount Isa region is underway with the delivery of a ‘transformation study’.



Advocating for long-term, corridor-wide Plan:

- Transformation Framework
- Investment Framework
- Common user processing and repurposing opportunities
- Transformation Partnership



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Decision date looms for Phosphate Hill operation

📅 May 12, 2025 📰 iQ Industry News 📌 By Industry Queensland



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The Honourable Dale Last

Joint effort to secure the ongoing operations of Phosphate Hill

- Albanese and Crisafulli Governments have secured the future of Phosphate Hill and thousands of jobs across North and North West Queensland.
- New loan facility for Phosphate Hill also protects Mount Isa Copper Smelter and Townsville Refinery, and the thousands of jobs they support.
- Deal is a major boost to sovereign capability, as Phosphate Hill is Australia's only ammonium fertiliser producer, needed for dozens of domestic industries.

The Albanese and Crisafulli Governments will provide a jointly funded \$160 million loan facility to lock-in the ongoing operations of the Phosphate Hill fertiliser facility for the future of North West industries and jobs.

The agreement will secure more than 500 direct jobs at Phosphate Hill, 600 direct jobs at the Mount Isa Copper Facility and Townsville Refinery, as well as thousands of indirect jobs across the North and North West of Queensland.

The deal follows the Phosphate Hill sale to Mayfair, and protects the Mount Isa Copper Smelter and Townsville Refinery.

Phosphate Hill is Australia's only domestic ammonium fertiliser producer, and is critical to the ongoing operations of the Mount Isa Copper Smelter and Townsville refinery.

The loan will be used to support the modernisation of the facility, and the package also includes additional targeted support to help the facility manage sulphur costs that have surged because of conflict in the Middle East.



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