



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Science and Resources**

Meeting Brief

MB25-000260

**FOR INFORMATION - Meeting with the Hon David Crisafulli, Premier of Queensland, 1:45pm
19 June 2025**

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation; Minister for Science
CC: Minister for Resources; Minister for Northern Australia
CC: Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Discuss with Premier Crisafulli (biography at [Attachment A](#)) challenges facing Glencore's Mount Isa copper smelter in preparation for your meeting with Glencore on Friday 20 June.

KEY MESSAGES

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- The Government is actively monitoring a number of facilities at risk of closure. A number of smelters are facing financial viability challenges due to aging assets, global market practices, and energy affordability and availability issues.
- There are a number of existing Commonwealth Government initiatives that may apply in the region, including the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the National Reconstruction Fund, and Export Finance Australia.

BACKGROUND

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Glencore

- Glencore's Mount Isa copper smelter is facing near term financial viability challenges
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Northwest Queensland Minerals Province

- Queensland has broad plans for its Northwest region, which is home to large mineral deposits essential to the energy transition and decarbonising efforts across the country and the world – specifically copper, vanadium, graphite, phosphate, silica, and zinc.
 - These minerals are used in power cables, batteries and wind turbines, as well as in military applications and surgical equipment.
- Demand for these minerals is expected to significantly outstrip supply between 2030 and 2040.

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A: Biography

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S22**Hon David Crisafulli****Premier of Queensland and Minister for Veterans**

The Hon David Crisafulli is Queensland's 41st Premier. He has been the State Member for Broadwater (Gold Coast) since 2017.

Premier Crisafulli was born and raised in Queensland. He obtained a Bachelor of Journalism from James Cook University in Townsville in 2000, becoming a journalist with WIN News and working as a correspondent for The Australian and Sunday Mail newspapers. Premier Crisafulli entered politics in 2004 via the Townsville City Council, before being elected to the Queensland Government in 2012 in the seat of Mundingburra (Townsville).



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Meeting Brief

MB25-000261

FOR INFORMATION - Meeting with Glencore representatives and the Hon Dale Last, Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development – 11:30am 19 June 2025

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation; Minister for Science
CC: Minister for Resources; Minister for Northern Australia
CC: Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Discuss the future of the Glencore copper smelter in Mount Isa. A secondary discussion may occur on the future of the Northwest Queensland Minerals Province. Attendee biographies are at [Attachment A](#).

KEY MESSAGES

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BACKGROUND

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- Copperstring 2032 is a major transmission line project that will connect Northwest Queensland to the National Electricity Market, reducing energy costs and reliance on gas. It will enable new renewable energy projects—like solar and wind farms—to connect to the grid, supporting regional development from Mount Isa to Townsville.

S Port of Townsville

- The Port of Townsville has been the economic cornerstone of north Queensland since it began trading in 1864. It is the country's biggest exporter of sugar, zinc, copper and lead.
- The Australian Government committed \$75 million to the Port of Townsville Channel Upgrade project as part of the Townsville City Deal. The project has substantially increased the size of cargo and passenger ships able to enter the Port.

SENSITIVITIES

- DISR is actively monitoring a number of facilities at financial risk of closure, in particular smelters facing financial viability challenges from aging capital, global market practices, and energy affordability and availability issues.

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Hon Dale Last**Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development**

Hon. Dale Last is a Queensland politician and member of the Liberal National Party, currently serving as Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development.

He is the current Member for Burdekin in the Queensland Parliament. Prior to his political career, he had a long career in the Queensland Police Service and served as Deputy Mayor of Townsville City Council.

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FOR INFORMATION - Meeting with QLD Premier, David Crisafulli on 19/06/2025

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation; Minister for Science
CC: Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Discuss the challenges facing Glencore's copper mine and copper smelter in preparation for your meeting with Glencore on Friday 20 June.

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KEY MESSAGES

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- There are a number of existing Commonwealth initiatives that may apply in the region such as the \$5 billion Critical Minerals Facility, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the National Reconstruction Fund, and the Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive.
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 - key and relevant issues that are ongoing (for example, policy issues on which we are working).
 - any submissions made by the organisation to the Government.

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Northwest Queensland Minerals Province

- Northwest Queensland is home to large mineral deposits essential to the energy transition and decarbonising efforts across the country – specifically Copper, Vanadium, Graphite, Phosphate, Silica, and Zinc.
 - These metals are used in power cables, batteries and wind turbines, as well as in military applications and surgical equipment.
- Demand for these metals is expected to outstrip supply significantly between 2030 and 2040.

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FOR INFORMATION - Meeting with Glencore & Minister Last [PERSON/ORG – MEETING DATE / 2025]

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation; Minister for Science

CC: Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy ^{s47C}

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Please use Calibri, Font Size 12, Black.
- Please provide information in succinct bullet points.
- What are the Government's objectives? What is the person/organisation seeking?

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Northwest Queensland Minerals Province

- Northwest Queensland's mineral deposits include those used in electric and hybrid vehicles, batteries, wind turbines and solar panels. These are:
 - Copper, zinc, and phosphorus, which are on the Strategic Materials List, and vanadium, which is on the Critical Minerals List, and lead and silver.
 - Demand for these metals is expected to outstrip supply significantly between 2030 and 2040.
 - Phosphate and vanadium are not currently mined, but there are mining projects under development to produce them.

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Renewable Energy and Copperstring

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- This will support the growing supply and demand of industries out of northern Queensland, creating economic and employment benefits for the Townsville region, and ensuring Townsville remains globally competitive.

Approach to assessment of the Glencore copper smelter

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ATTACHMENT A

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