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Critical Minerals Office

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Industry stage	Support		
Exploration Up to Pre-feasibility 	 Geoscience Australia Resourcing Australia's Prosperity initiative Provides precompetitive geoscience data to support exploration decisions and accelerate discovery.	 Australia Minerals Supports investors to identify, assess and progress mineral investment opportunities in Australia.	 National Geoscience Portals Delivers precompetitive data through Australian Mines Atlas, Geoscience Australia Portal, and Critical Minerals Mapping Initiative.
Early project development Pre-feasibility study in-progress/completed 	 Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) Connects projects with government priorities and international opportunities.	 AusIndustry Regional Manager Network Works on the ground across Australia to connect businesses with government programs, provide tailored guidance and deliver insights that inform policy and support regional economic growth.	 Critical Metals for Critical Industries Cooperative Research Centre A collaboration between industry, research, and government accelerating the development and commercialisation of new critical metals refining technologies.
Mid-stage project development Definitive feasibility study in-progress 	 Environmental Law Reforms Strengthens the process and pathway to approvals by delivering faster decisions and more upfront certainty for proponents. This includes new streamlined approval pathways, and updated bilateral agreements with states and territories to reduce the need for multiple environmental approvals.	 Investor Front Door Supports projects of national significance.  Austrade Promotes projects to international investors.	 DISR Connects projects with government priorities and international opportunities.  Industry Growth Program Provides commercialisation and growth grants in government identified priority areas. Currently paused to applications.
Final investment decision Definitive feasibility study completed 	 Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve Maximises the strategic value of Australia's critical minerals.  National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Supports value-adding in resources with \$1b target funding level.  Clean Energy Finance Corporation Invests in mining technology and decarbonisation.	 Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Supports critical minerals projects in Northern Australia with \$500m earmarked funding.  Export Finance Australia Offers equity, loans, and guarantees, including \$5b Critical Minerals Facility.  Austrade Identifies international partners, facilitates agreements and access, and provides investment advice.	 DISR Connects projects with government priorities and international opportunities.  AusIndustry Regional Manager Network Works on the ground across Australia to connect businesses with government programs, provide tailored guidance and deliver insights that inform policy and support regional economic growth.
Processing and production First production onwards 	 Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive Delivers 10% refundable tax offset for processing critical minerals costs in Australia (2027–2040).	 Austrade Provides export strategies and international market entry.	 DISR Connects projects with government priorities and international opportunities; promotes downstream process, smelting and advanced manufacturing to build value chains.

KEY  Financing |  Regulatory and approvals |  Market access and promotion |  Technical and advisory