



Grounded in Strength

DELIVERING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE



NT MINERALS INDUSTRY PRIORITIES FOR A STRONGER TERRITORY



WHY MINERALS MATTER

Strong communities are powered by minerals

Territory minerals provide the essential elements of modern life, while growing the economy and sustaining regional communities.



The minerals industry creates local jobs, supports Territory businesses, and delivers essential services and infrastructure to regional communities.

MINING REGIONS BENEFIT FROM:



Higher incomes



Training opportunities



Strong supply chains



Essential services



STRONG VALUES. SMARTER MINING.

Every stage of mining brings opportunity

From exploration to rehabilitation, Territory mineral companies are leading the way.

The sector breaks new ground in innovation and is proud of its strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance and ability to deliver safe and sustainable operations which benefit all Territorians.



\$1.4B

Annual direct spending

10K

NT jobs supported

770

Territory businesses

1 → 6

Every job in mining supports six additional jobs



PRODIGY GOLD: is advancing greenfields and brownfields exploration in the Tanami, underpinned by strong values and a commitment to sustainability.



RIO TINTO: is decommissioning its Gove refinery, recycling over 140,000 tonnes of steel and returning the site to Traditional Owners with care and respect.



THE TERRITORY AT A CROSSROADS

We are rich in resources – but risk missing out

Global demand for minerals and metals is intensifying, creating a major opportunity for the Northern Territory.

With 19 projects in the pipeline representing \$6.6 billion in potential investment and thousands of future regional jobs, the Territory must act quickly and strengthen policy settings to remain competitive for investment, unlock new mineral provinces and support regional prosperity.

 **Operating Mines**

 **Mines in Care and Maintenance**

 **Developing Projects**



CURRENT AS OF MARCH 2026

TERRITORY INVESTMENT CHALLENGES INCLUDE:

Low conversion



< 5% projects reach Final Investment Decision (FID)

Long timeframes



Up to 16 years to establish a mine

High costs



Above average labor, energy and transport costs

Infrastructure gaps



Physical and social infrastructure gaps across emerging regions



THE PATH TO STRENGTH

Four priorities to power a stronger minerals industry

These initiatives set the direction for a competitive and resilient minerals industry that delivers benefits for all Territorians.



1

Support projects from discovery to production



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Unlock strategic common-user infrastructure



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Strengthen regional communities



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Develop a safe and skilled local workforce





PRIORITY 1

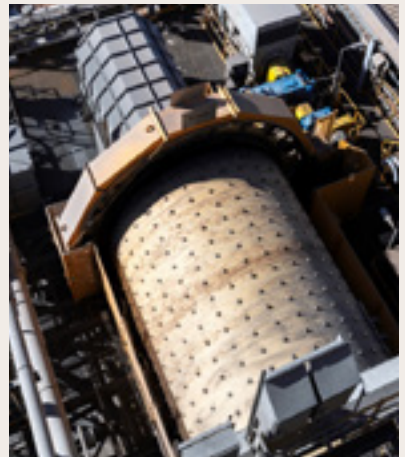
Support projects from discovery to production

- Invest in strengthening regulatory capability across safety, mineral titles, mining assessment and mineral royalty compliance functions
- Invest in digital systems and user-friendly guidance materials
- Support legislative improvements to enable risk-based regulation and coordinated project delivery
- Fund a coordinated investment attraction and project facilitation program supporting exploration, brownfield opportunities and project progression.

PRIORITY 2

Unlock strategic common-user infrastructure

- Reduce operating costs through strategic investment in energy, transport and logistics
- Invest in planning and delivery of logistics, supply chain and digital connectivity infrastructure
- Enable downstream mineral processing and industrial development.





PRIORITY 3

Strengthening regional communities

- Collaborate with industry to grow local procurement opportunities and regional partnerships
- Invest in the improvement of liveability and essential services in mining regions
- Strengthen the Territory's mine closure capability through collaborative rehabilitation programs and training
- Support Aboriginal-owned businesses to participate in minerals industry supply chains.



PRIORITY 4

Develop a safe and skilled local workforce

- Invest in a Territory resources skills pipeline through VET in Schools pathways
- Expand flexible and regionally delivered training pathways, including programs that connect Aboriginal Territorians with career pathways in mining and geoscience in their regions.
- Grow local workforce participation across the mine lifecycle.



WIN-WIN OUTCOMES

Building a Stronger Territory Together

When we invest in the minerals beneath us, we build what's ahead.

- 19 mining projects in the pipeline worth \$6.6B with over 6,300 jobs
- Advanced major rehabilitation and environmental works across the Territory.
- Strong, enduring partnerships with Traditional Owners and local organisations.
- \$691.6M spent with 770 Territory businesses*
- \$5.3M paid to NT councils to support essential local services*
- \$6M invested in more than 117 community groups across the Territory*
- \$4.4B in annual direct spending driving Territory growth*
- Every job in the minerals industry supports an additional six jobs in the wider NT community.

*Lawrence Consulting, NT Resources Sector Economic Contribution Study 2023/24

The Minerals Council of Australia NT Division is the leading advocate for the Territory's minerals industry across the entire mine lifecycle and its supply chains

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