

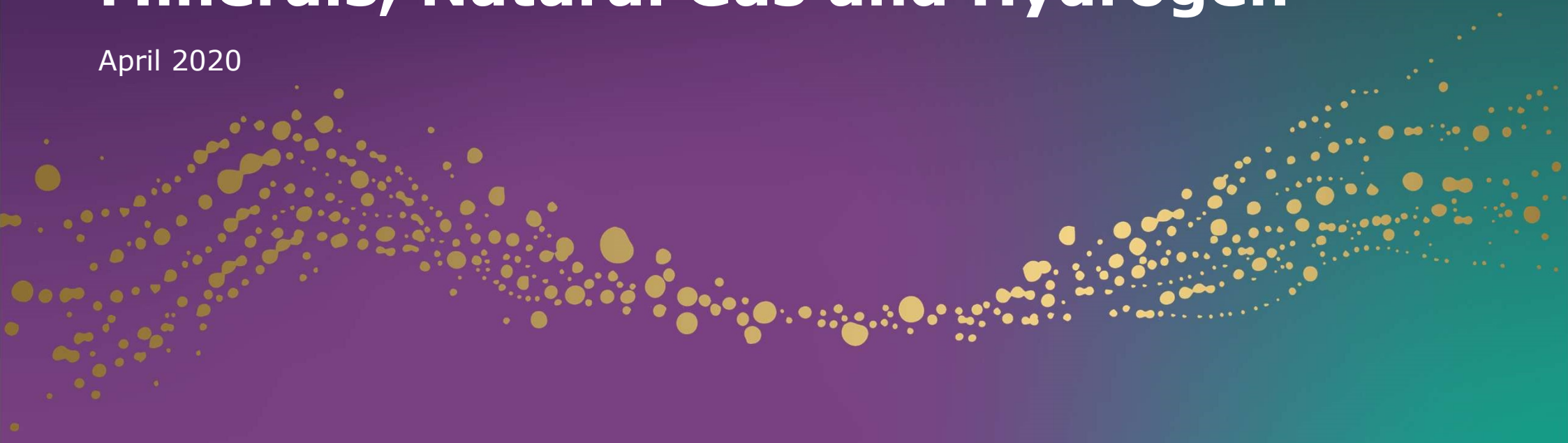


Australian Government

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

Australian Government: supporting investment in Critical Minerals, Natural Gas and Hydrogen

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Austrade is Australian Government's leading trade and investment facilitation agency.

A dedicated trade and investment team focusing on opportunities across Critical Minerals, Hydrogen and Natural Gas.

Extensive offshore
network of 80+ offices

Relationships with
federal, state and
territory governments

Connect Australian
project proponents with
opportunities for
**investment and
offtake agreements.**

The Critical Minerals Prospectus

- Covers 24 critical minerals including 17 rare earth elements
- Detailed analysis of projects with investment potential including technical, commercial and geological data
- Available online at austrade.gov.au/cmp.



Other relevant Australian Federal government bodies

	Name	Description	More information
Facilitation	Critical Minerals Facilitation Office	Federal Government's central coordination body to help grow Australia's critical minerals sector and position Australia globally as a secure and reliable supplier of critical minerals.	industry.gov.au/policies-and-initiatives/critical-minerals-facilitation-office
	Major Projects Facilitation Agency	For project \$20m+. the Major Projects Facilitation Agency (MPFA) provides a single entry point for major project proponents seeking tailored information and facilitation of their regulatory approval requirements.	business.gov.au/expertise-and-advice/major-projects-facilitation-agency
Science and innovation	CSIRO	Australia's national science agency supporting research and development. Working with industry, government and the research community to address Australia's challenges including for the clean energy and resources sectors.	csiro.au
	Cooperative Research centre	Part of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER), the Australian Government's Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Grants program provides funding to support Australian industries. It supports industry-led collaborations with researchers and the community to address industry-identified problems facing Australia.	industry.gov.au/funding-and-incentives/cooperative-research-centres
	GeoScience Australia	Geoscience Australia provides technical capability, geoscience information, innovation and advice. <i>Exploring for the future</i> is a program led by GeoScience Australia providing pre-competitive data about potential minerals, energy and groundwater resources.	ga.gov.au/home

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Finance	Name	Description	More information
	ARENA	Australian Renewable Energy Agency, established to improve the competitiveness of renewable energy technologies and increase the supply of renewable energy through innovation that benefits Australian consumers and businesses.	arena.gov.au
	Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	A specialist investor charged with investing in technologies and businesses with the potential to lower Australia's emissions. Covering agriculture, energy, infrastructure, property, transport and waste sectors. CEFC also supports Australia's cleantech entrepreneurs through the Clean Energy Innovation Fund (\$220m), and invests in the development of Australia's hydrogen potential through the Advancing Hydrogen Fund (\$300m).	cefc.com.au
	NAIF	NAIF is a A\$5bn lending facility to provide loans to infrastructure projects in northern Australia. NAIF investments can be used for the development of new infrastructure or materially enhancing existing infrastructure.	naif.gov.au
	Export Finance Australia	Export Finance Australia is Australia's export credit agency – providing financial expertise and solutions to drive growth across the critical minerals/gas/hydrogen projects and related infrastructure.	exportfinance.gov.au

Other policies to support growth in these sectors

\$1.9b Technology Investment roadmap

- Five priority areas, including clean hydrogen with an aim of producing under \$2 per kilogram

\$275m Hydrogen hubs (pre-budget funding announcement)

- Funding for four additional clean hydrogen hubs in regional Australia.

\$1.3b Federal Government Modern Manufacturing Initiative

- Build scale across critical metals, processing and clean energy
- The critical minerals processing aspect of this program will focus on capturing more of the value chain, particularly in the processing and refinement of critical minerals for use in manufacturing.

Thank you

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