



MINING AND RESOURCES POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

NSW is sitting on vast reserves of coal, gas, uranium, gold, copper, rare earths and critical minerals, yet governments continue placing barriers in front of the industries that help keep regional communities alive.

Mining has built towns, supported families, funded infrastructure and provided generations of secure, well-paid jobs across regional New South Wales.

Yet too often, resource projects are delayed, restricted or abandoned because of political ideology, bureaucratic obstruction and city-based activism from people who will never live with the economic consequences of shutting industries down.

The minerals beneath our feet are a strategic national asset. They are essential for manufacturing, construction, energy production, defence capability and Australia's long-term economic security.

We believe regional communities should not be locked out of prosperity to satisfy political agendas developed in Sydney boardrooms and inner-city activist circles.

Responsible mining and environmental stewardship can coexist. Strong industries, productive farmland and healthy regional communities are not competing interests—they are all essential to Australia's future.

We believe the people who live in mining regions should share directly in the wealth generated from the resources extracted from beneath their communities.

We believe Australia should process more of its own resources, create more value at home and stop exporting opportunity offshore.

Most importantly, we believe NSW should be open for business and proud of the industries that keep regional communities strong.



OUR ACTION PLAN

- Fast-track approvals for strategic mining, energy and critical mineral projects by introducing enforceable assessment timeframes and reducing unnecessary bureaucratic delays.
- Cut red and green tape across the resources sector by removing duplicated approvals, overlapping regulations and unnecessary compliance costs that discourage investment and job creation.
- Protect the future of coal mining by opposing politically driven restrictions that threaten jobs, regional economies and energy security.
- Unlock NSW's critical minerals sector to strengthen Australia's sovereign manufacturing capability and reduce dependence on overseas supply chains.
- Support responsible exploration across NSW by streamlining exploration licensing and improving certainty for investors and regional communities.
- Expand mining apprenticeships, traineeships and regional training programs to rebuild the skilled workforce needed to support future resource development.
- Establish regional mining workforce hubs to connect local workers with employment, training and career opportunities.
- Prioritise local procurement requirements so mining projects support regional contractors, suppliers, manufacturers and service providers wherever possible.
- Increase the share of mining royalties returned directly to regional communities where resources are extracted.



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- Guarantee mining royalty funding is directed into local roads, hospitals, schools, water infrastructure, emergency services and community facilities.
- Publish annual mining royalty reports showing exactly how much revenue is collected and where every dollar is spent.
- Establish Regional Resource Community Funds that provide long-term infrastructure investment in mining communities beyond the life of individual projects.
- Require major mining developments to negotiate meaningful community benefit agreements that deliver lasting local outcomes.
- Strengthen landholder rights by ensuring fair negotiation processes, transparent compensation arrangements and enforceable protections for affected property owners.
- Protect productive agricultural land through sensible land-use planning that balances mining, farming and environmental outcomes without unnecessarily locking up resource development.
- Strengthen water monitoring, rehabilitation and environmental compliance requirements to ensure responsible resource development and long-term community confidence.
- Support downstream processing and value-adding industries so more minerals are refined, processed and manufactured in Australia instead of being shipped overseas.
- Rebuild Australia's sovereign industrial capability by linking resource development with domestic manufacturing, energy production and



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strategic industries.

- Oppose blanket resource lockups that sterilise valuable mineral deposits without proper economic, community and strategic assessment.
- Strengthen transport, freight, port and export infrastructure to support growing resource industries and improve regional productivity.
- Ensure regional communities have a genuine voice in major resource projects through transparent consultation and local decision-making processes.
- Put regional prosperity first by recognising mining and resources as strategic industries that underpin jobs, economic growth, energy security and Australia's future prosperity.