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Supporting Australian critical minerals projects

Export Finance Australia provides financial expertise and solutions to support Australian businesses across a range of sectors including **lithium**, **cobalt** and other **rare earth elements**.

Through our loans, guarantees and bonds we enable Australian businesses and projects to take on export opportunities.

We look to complement commercial finance and other ECA financing to ensure projects can be fully funded.

We do not provide equity or grants. We are also able to support businesses in the critical minerals export supply chain.

The Australian Government has directed us to place a greater focus on critical minerals projects and related infrastructure to diversify critical mineral supply chains and move further up the value chain to downstream processing.

OUR CONSIDERATIONS

When considering support for a critical minerals project, we consider the following:



Australian Benefit

Extraction and/or processing of minerals in Australia for export



Mineral

Mineral identified in Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy



Feasibility

Completed comprehensive feasibility study



Market

Buyer commitment to purchase project's production



Proven Technology

Use of proven processing technology



Capability

Proponents with financial, technical and commercial capacity



No one takes on the world alone.

Our Finance Solutions



Loans

To finance capital expenditure



Guarantees

Working with your bank when you need additional security



Bonds

Advance Payment Bonds, Performance Bonds and Warranty Bonds with minimum cash cover security to support contract terms



Working capital support

To assist with day-to-day business operations

Critical Minerals Facility

In 2021, the Australian Government established the \$2 billion Critical Minerals Facility, which is managed by Export Finance Australia. Projects that are aligned with the Australian Government's Critical Minerals Strategy and are otherwise in Australia's national interest, may be able to access finance through this facility.

How we work with other financing mechanisms

We work alongside other Commonwealth financing bodies where mandates overlap. For critical minerals this can include working with the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

Export Finance Australia

For more information on how we could support your business, contact us on:

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