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# CMA AUSTRALIA NEWS

## CMA Australia at the CPTPP Business Symposium

Brisbane | 12 June 2025

CMA Australia was delighted to attend the CPTPP Business Symposium in Brisbane. The theme, "Meeting the Moment" - CPTPP 2025 and Beyond looked at topics including digital inclusion, emerging technologies and inclusive trade, with a focus on how to ensure the agreement continues to deliver meaningful outcomes.



## DFAT Trade Peak Bodies Consultation

Canberra | 25 June 2025

CMA Australia was invited to attend the Department of Foreign Affairs 2025 Trade Peak Bodies Consultations held in Canberra on 26 June, where Australian government trade officials discussed key developments in global, regional and bilateral trade and investment.



## EVENT: Transitioning Australia - Japan Energy Partnership, Recalibrating to New Realities

Melbourne, 16 July 2025



[Register here](#)

Join the AJBCC for the second instalment of its series: 'Transitioning Australia-Japan Energy Partnership'. This year's theme will be 'Recalibrating to New Realities' and will again see a premier gathering of industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers shaping the future of the Australia-Japan energy relationship, and two sessions on critical minerals and battery energy issues.

## WEBINAR: The role of Machine Learning AI in Mineral Discoveries

Online: 19 August 2025



[Register interest here](#)

CMA Australia is proud to join SRK Australia in hosting a topical and eye opening webinar on how the critical minerals industry can draw on innovative AI machine learning to help reduce some of the exploration challenges, help 'see through' the cover and predict likely mineralisation, prior to investing in capital-intensive drilling programs, amongst a range of other applications in mining.

# AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY NEWS

## Australian rare earths miners join rush to Brazil

At least 13 small Australian miners are frantically trying their luck – and trying to raise money – to develop rare earths mines. But why are they choosing Brazilian projects rather than Australian?

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## BHP considers return to nickel business with ultra-cheap mine project

BHP is considering re-entering the nickel industry with a \$1 billion (\$1.5 billion) mine in Tanzania that promises to be a lower cost producer than the world-beating Indonesian nickel industry.

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## ASM builds rare earths momentum

Following China's decision to add seven rare earths to its export control list in April, Australian Strategic Materials (ASM) has cemented its status as the only ASX-listed company that can commercially produce rare earth metals and alloys.

ASM's flagship metallisation plant in Seoul, South Korea open in May 2022. Since then...

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## Renascor receives greenlight for BAM facility

Renascor Resources has received approval for its battery anode material (BAM) manufacturing facility from South Australian Planning Minister Nick Champion. The State Government approval grants a provisional development authorisation...

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## Emerging Aussie rubidium player joins US Defence Consortium

Everest Metals Corporation's (EMC) application to the US Defence Industrial Base Consortium (DIBC) has been accepted, positioning the company to lead Australia's rubidium industry. Considered a critical mineral in the US and Japan, rubidium is known for its use in communication technologies

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# AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT NEWS

## Australia ready to benefit from G7's new critical minerals pact

A new critical minerals agreement with some of the world's top economies, driven by Australia and Canada at the G7, should open up Australia's markets to more investment to help turbocharge the industry and start breaking China's near-monopoly...

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## Scaled-back home battery rebate scheme prompts confusion, backlash against WA government

The WA government has reduced its promised home battery installation rebate by thousands of dollars. It has forced the government to defend and deny accusations of an election promise backflip...

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## CopperString sees record government investment

The Queensland Government will allocate a record \$2.4 billion towards the CopperString 2032 project in its upcoming State Budget.

Publicly owned energy cooperation Powerlink and construction partners UGL and CPB Contractors are delivering CopperString through a joint venture...

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## Governments hold talks to secure Mount Isa's future

The Federal and Queensland Governments are holding high-level discussions to find a long-term solution for Glencore's Mount Isa copper smelter. Federal Industry, Innovation and Science Minister Tim Ayres and Queensland Resources and Mines Minister Dale Last met with...

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## CSIRO launches graphite R&D grant program

Australia's battery industry is set for a major boost, following the launch of a new \$400,000 research and development (R&D) grant program by CSIRO. The R&D grant program, targeting small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) in mining and manufacturing...

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Cobalt price surges after Congo extends ban

Cobalt futures prices in China surged to levels last seen mid-March on Monday after the Democratic Republic of Congo extended its concentrate export ban first instituted in February. In a surprise move, Congo...

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## Indonesia offers US critical minerals joint investment as part of tariff talks

Indonesia has offered the United States the chance to jointly invest in a critical minerals project as part of its tariff negotiations with Washington...

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## Greenland grants 30-year permit to EU-backed Molybdenum mine

Greenland Resources (Cboe CA: MOLY)(FSE: MOLY) secured on Thursday a 30-year permit for its Malmbjerg molybdenum project, a major development backed by the European Union. The open-pit mine is expected to supply...

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## EU needs rare earths strategic reserves against China threat

The European Union in June announced 13 new raw material projects outside the bloc to increase its supplies of metals and minerals essential to its competitiveness in the energy transition as well as defence and aerospace.

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## Critical minerals at centre of US-brokered peace deal in Central Africa

The two countries' foreign ministers signed an agreement pledging to implement a 2024 deal which will see Rwandan troops withdraw from eastern DRC within 90 days.

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## China's rare earths are flowing again, but not freely

The threat of mass shutdowns across the automotive supply chain is fading as Chinese rare earth magnets begin to flow, though automakers...

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## Trump signs order confirming parts of UK-US tariff deal

A deal removing some trade barriers between the UK and US has been signed off by President Donald Trump. The move will bring into force parts of an agreement agreed between the two countries last month, and reduce tariffs on UK cars being shipped to the US.

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# BIG PICTURE THINKING



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## How rare earth elements move and accumulate in the desert and other cold regions

They're in the headlines every week—critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite and the rare earth elements essential for high-technology and national security applications. While nations and businesses around the globe strategize to secure supplies of the coveted resources, Montana State University geologist Zachary Burton studies how rare earth elements are moved by geochemical and aqueous forces, such as freeze-thaw cycles and snowmelt, to concentrate in different environments.

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## Implications for critical minerals following the 2025 NATO Summit

As usual, the NATO Heads of State and Governments issued a Summit Declaration, the official statement following the meeting of the North Atlantic Council. The language was unequivocally clear on the nations' "ironclad commitment to collective defence", assuring that the USA would remain a part of the NATO alliance - a question that circulated heading into the Summit...

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# Calendar of events 2025

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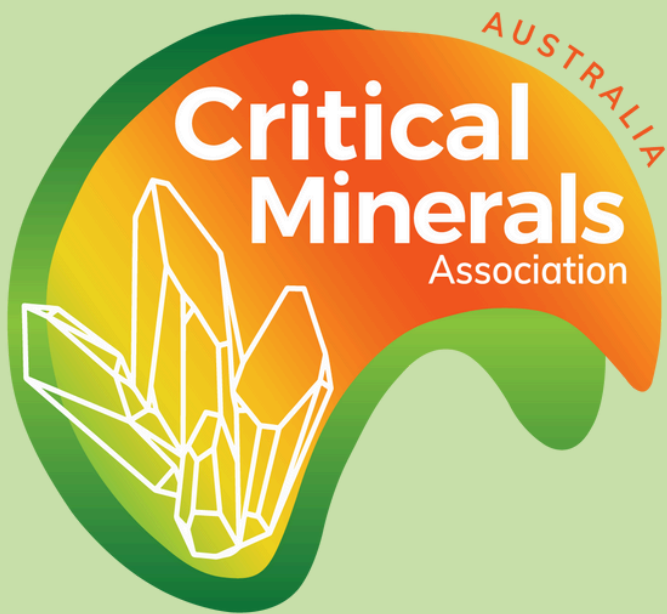
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|     | DATE(S)   | EVENT   | HOSTS/PARTNERS                                 | LOCATION              |
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| JUL | 1-2 JUL   | <u><a href="#">Future of Mining</a></u>                                 | Aspermont                                      | Perth, Australia      |
|     | 16 JUL    | <u><a href="#">Transitioning Australia-Japan Energy Partnership</a></u> | Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee | Melbourne, Australia  |
|     | 23-25 JUL | <u><a href="#">Noosa Mining Investor Conference</a></u>                 | AMETS  | Noosa, Australia      |
|     | 30 JUL    | <u><a href="#">Mine Waste &amp; Tailings Conference 2025</a></u>        | AusIMM   | Brisbane, Australia   |
| AUG | 4-6 AUG   | <u><a href="#">Diggers &amp; Dealers Mining Forum</a></u>               | Diggers and Dealers                            | Kalgoorlie, Australia |
| SEP | 2-4 SEP   | <u><a href="#">AusIMM Critical Minerals Conference 202</a></u>          | AusIMM   | Perth, Australia      |
| OCT | 21-23 OCT | <u><a href="#">IMARC 2025</a></u>                                       | IMARC  | Sydney, Australia     |
| DEC | 2-4 DEC   | <u><a href="#">Resourcing Tomorrow</a></u>                              | Mines and Money                                | London, UK            |





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