



CRITICAL MINERALS IN PARKES

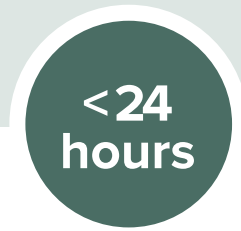
The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is a master-planned special economic zone at the gateway to western NSW's growing minerals industry. Its location at the only intersection of Australia's two major rail corridors offers opportunities for connecting extraction projects with the industries increasingly demanding critical metals and rare sands.



world class gold and copper mines



critical mineral projects already in the region



access to 4 major ports



critical supply chain connections for growing industries



Regional Growth NSW will support investors and businesses, cutting red tape with simplified approval processes to enable businesses to set-up faster in Activation Precincts in regional NSW.

John Barilaro
Deputy Premier



Why Parkes for critical minerals?



Proximity to minerals such as lithium, cobalt and rare earth elements



Efficient transport connections



Energy cost savings



Skilled resources labour force



Optimised land uses

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Minerals operations

The Parkes precinct is central to more than 15 critical minerals projects within the region, including five projects in advanced planning stage set to supply critical scandium and cobalt to the emerging electric vehicle battery industry. The site also enables minerals processing and supports recycling and repurposing operations.



Skilled industrial labour force

The precinct has a population of 60,000 within an hour drive, and 47% of Parkes residents hold vocational, diploma or bachelor qualifications. The region is also home to a skilled mining, resources and metallurgical workforce supporting the existing minerals industry.



Optimised land uses

The Parkes precinct brings together complementary businesses in specialised sub-precincts to encourage circular economy opportunities and optimise infrastructure use.

Our business concierge service will also connect businesses to partners in education, research and development, and commercial collaboration.



Transport connections

Parkes sits at the only junction of Australia's two rail spines – the Inland Rail and Trans-Australian Railway. The precinct offers connection to four major ports within 24 hours, and unsurpassed access to rail carriage for heavy raw materials.



Cost-effective utilities

The Parkes precinct has a well planned and sustainable utility system including two power substations with 100MVA spare capacity offering energy cost savings. To support businesses, there is also:

- a dedicated natural gas network
- existing 3G and 4G services, with 5G to be rolled out under the NSW Government's Gigstate program
- a well planned network of potable and recycled water.

Be part of our Special Activation Precinct

When you set up in one of NSW's Special Activation Precincts you benefit from government support which saves you time and money.

We also connect you with like-minded businesses to improve supply chains and achieve cost-savings through an active circular economy.



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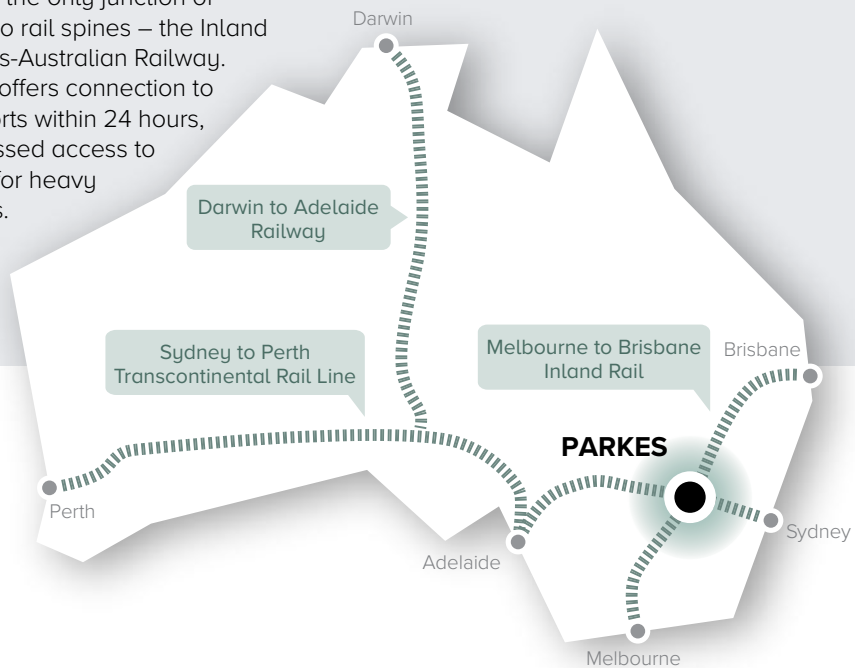
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Business concierge



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