



# Advancing the **Julia Creek Vanadium** Project

**Brisbane Mining Conference, March 2023**

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We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.  
We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society."

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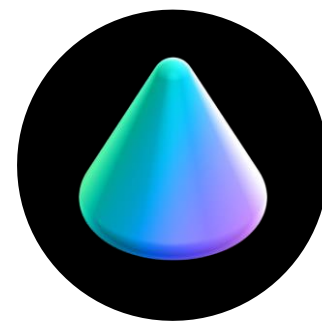
## Competent Persons and Qualified Estimator Statements

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results, mineral resource and contingent resource estimates for the Company's Julia Creek Project was first reported by the Company in its IPO prospectus dated 20 August 2018 and supplementary prospectus dated 12 September 2018 (together, the "Prospectus") and the subsequent resource upgrade announcements ("Resource Upgrades") dated 14 October 2018 and 7 April 2022. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Prospectus and Resource Upgrades, and in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Contingent Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the Prospectus and Resource Upgrades continue to apply and have not materially changed.

**QEM Limited** is focused on the exploration and development of the **Julia Creek Vanadium and Oil Shale Project**, a unique world class critical minerals resource.

# Julia Creek Project

QEM seeks to develop a World-Class Vanadium and Oil Shale Project



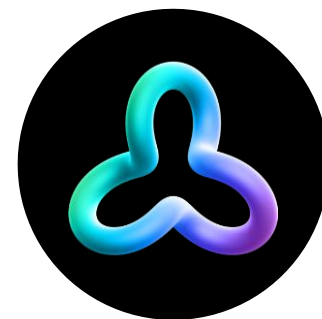
## Multi Commodity

Vanadium  
Transport Fuel



## Sovereign Supply

Fuel Security  
High Purity  $V_2O_5$



## Unique Process

Renewable Power  
Green Hydrogen



## Globally Significant

Vanadium Resource  
Critical Mineral

The QEM Board draws upon decades of experience in the resources sector ensuring that the Company is best placed to capitalise on the vast opportunities afforded from the **Julia Creek Project**.

# Experienced Team

Led by a team of successful and invested professionals, with proven record of project development



## Tim Wall

Chairman

- Senior Executive of multiple ASX 100 companies
- Director and Principle of TJW Energy, Senior Advisor ANZ – Oil and Gas at DSS+
- Former MD BP Refinery (Bulwer)
- Former President Global Manufacturing at Incitec Pivot Ltd (ASX:IPL)



## Daniel Harris

Non - Executive Director

- Over 40 years of global vanadium experience
- Director of US Vanadium LLC (USA), Australian Vanadium Limited (ASX: AVL)
- Former CEO positions with Atlantic (ASX: ATI) Atlas Iron (ASX: AGO) ex VP EVRAZ plc. - Vanadium Assets



## Gavin Loyden

Founder and Managing Director

- QEM Founder
- Identified & acquired QEM's Julia Creek resource
- Over 10 years experience in mining industry
- Responsible for QEM's project development



## David Fitch

Non - Executive Director

- President & CEO Class1 Nickel (Canada) (CSE:NICO)
- Director of BioCentral Laboratories Ltd
- QEM's largest shareholder
- Former Chief Operating Officer of the Fitch Group

**QEM** can efficiently reap the rewards of multiple commodities while only having to mine once. This offers potential to enhance margins and **drive long-term shareholder value.**

# Corporate Snapshot

QEM Limited

Shares on Issue

**135.1m**

Share Price 20/03/23

**\$0.205**

Cash at 20/03/23

**\$1.393m**

Options on issue

Exp 12/08/25 @ **\$0.345**

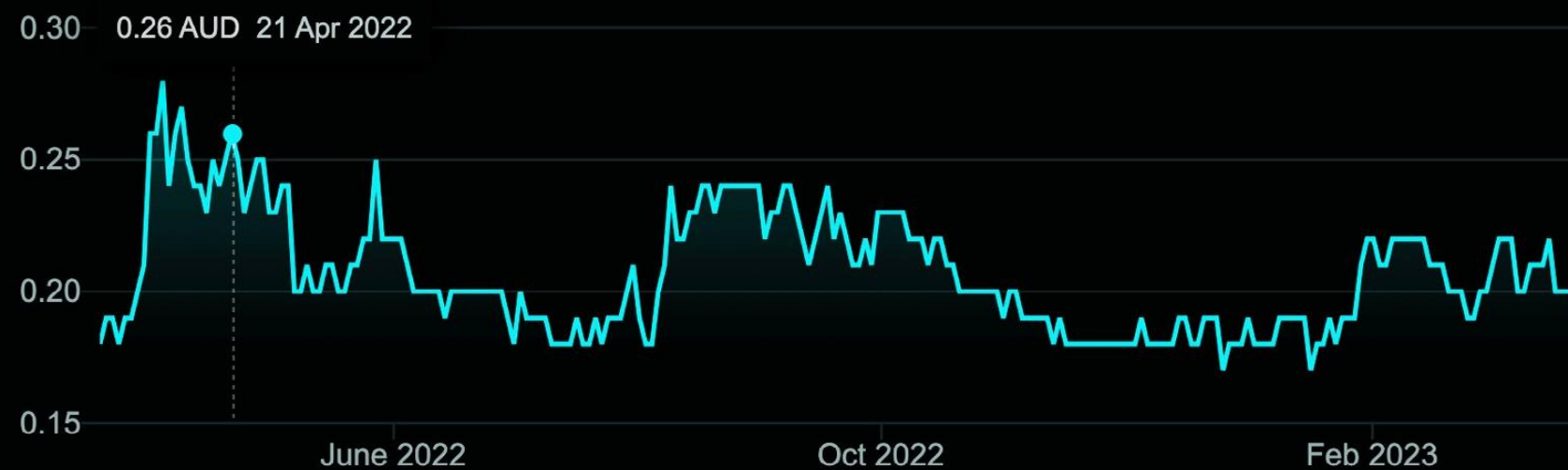
**5,600,000**

**0.20** AUD

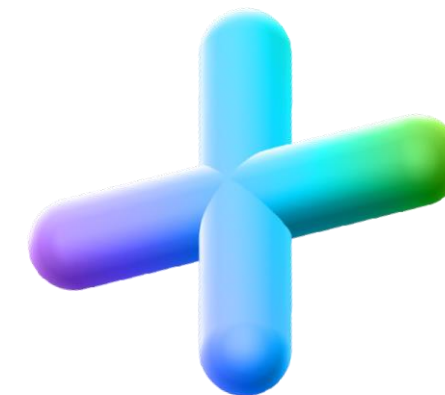
+0.02 (8.33%) ↑ past year

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1D 5D 1M 6M YTD 1Y 5Y Max



Open	0.20	Mkt cap	25.69M	52-wk high	0.30
High	0.20	P/E ratio	-	52-wk low	0.16
Low	0.20	Div yield	-		



**\$27.1m**

Market Cap (20/03/23)



## Director Support

Management alignment with public shareholders

**67.8%**

Top 20 Shareholders

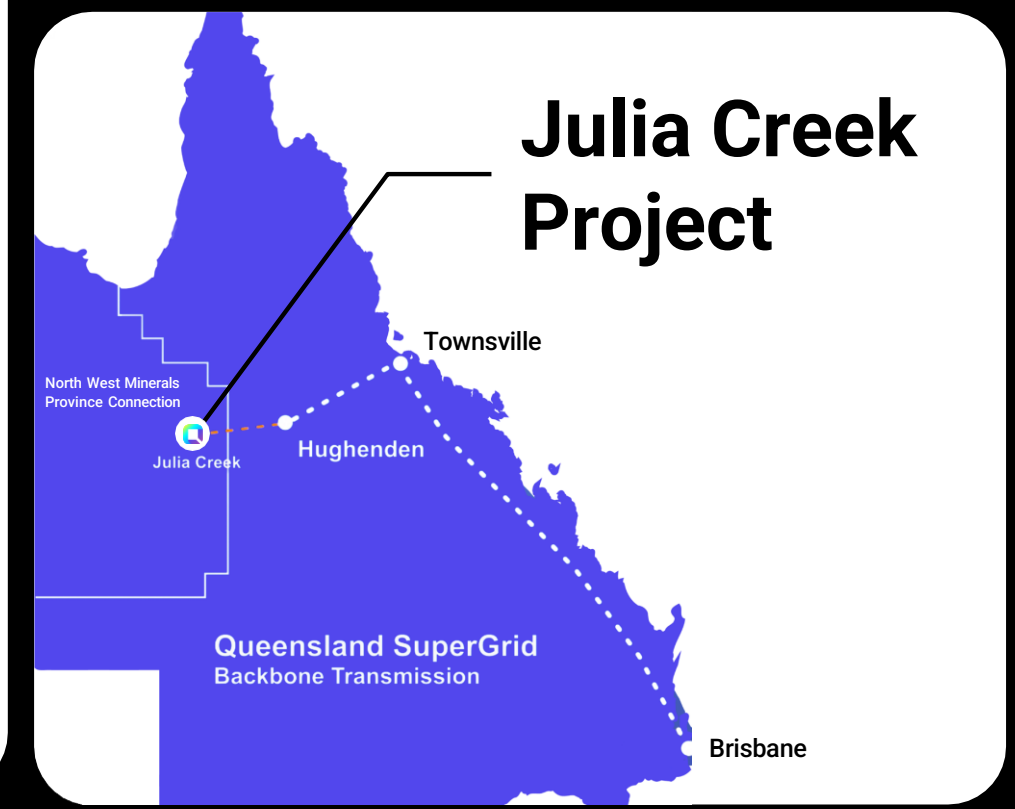
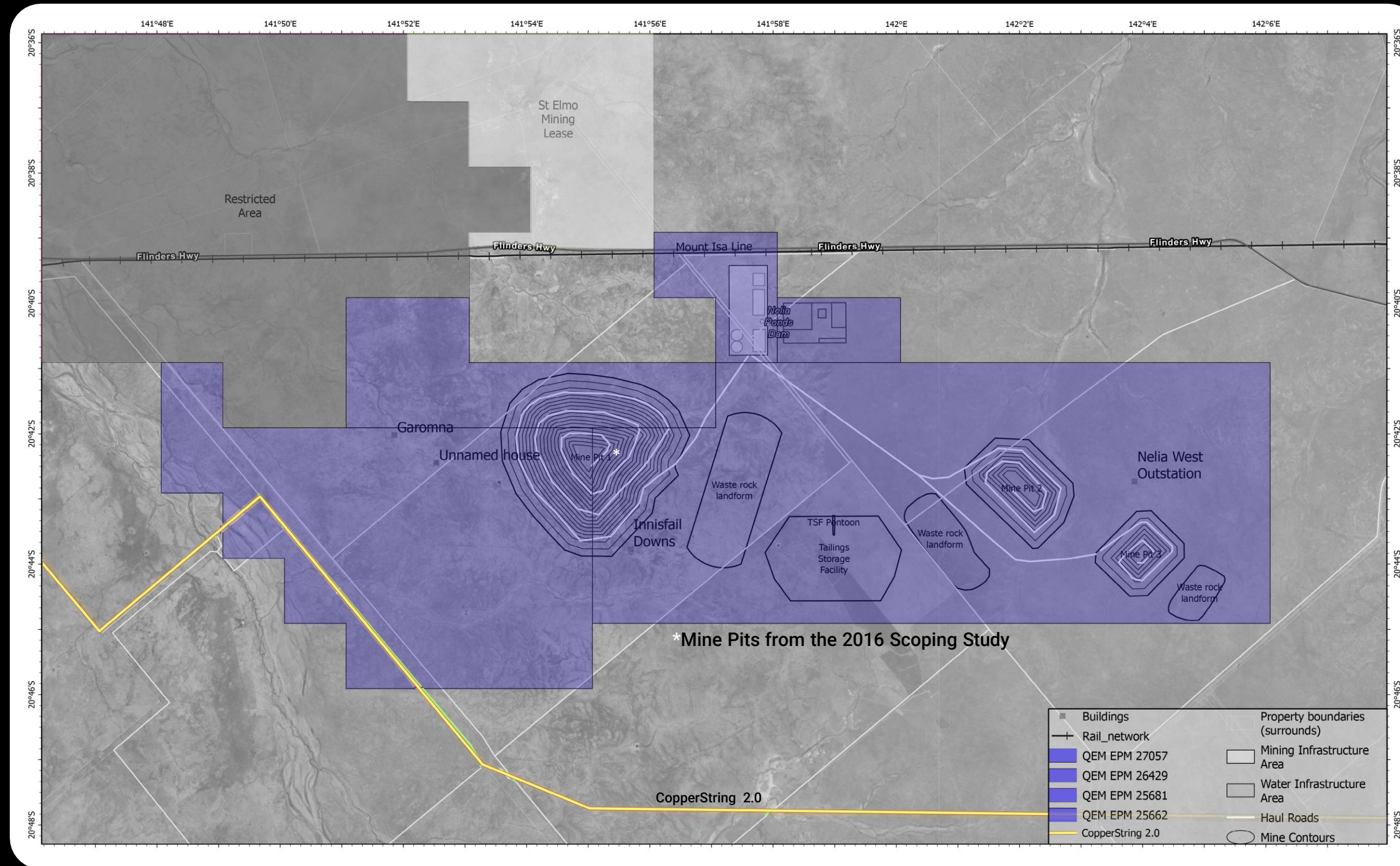
**32.2%**



# Julia Creek Project Location



4 Exploration Tenements Covering 249.6km<sup>2</sup> in the Julia Creek Area, North-Western Queensland



# Drilling Results JORC Upgrade

One of the world's largest single vanadium resources



## Vanadium Resource

Indicated JORC Resource increased by 64% to 360Mt V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>



# 2,490Mt

Inferred @ Ave V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ore content of 0.31%

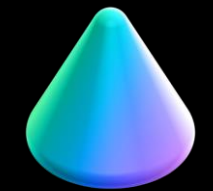


# 360Mt

Indicated @ Ave V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ore content of 0.31%

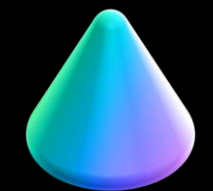


## Oil Resource



# 71 MMbbl's

2C 71MMbbl's (SPE-PRMS) (recoverable @ 90%)

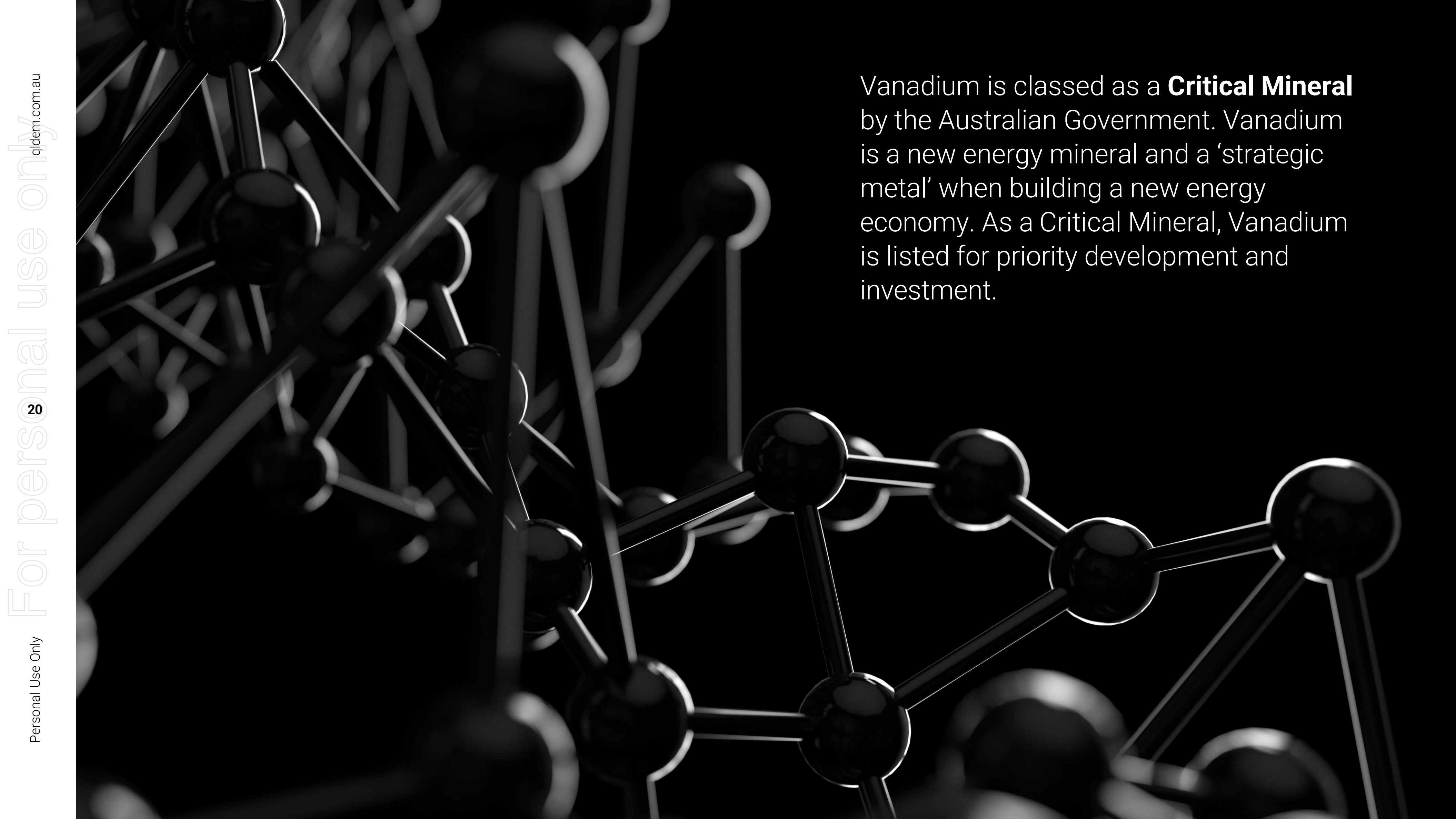


# 626 MMbbl's

3C 626 MMbbl's (SPE-PRMS) (recoverable @ 90%)

We have achieved **highly encouraging extraction rates** with further optimisation work underway.





Vanadium is classed as a **Critical Mineral** by the Australian Government. Vanadium is a new energy mineral and a 'strategic metal' when building a new energy economy. As a Critical Mineral, Vanadium is listed for priority development and investment.

# Vanadium Uses

Vanadium - The Versatile Element



## Improves Tensile Steel Strength

Most widely used alloy to strengthen steel (HSLA.) in construction, automotive, aerospace, rail, shipping, tools, drilling and more.



## Lowers CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

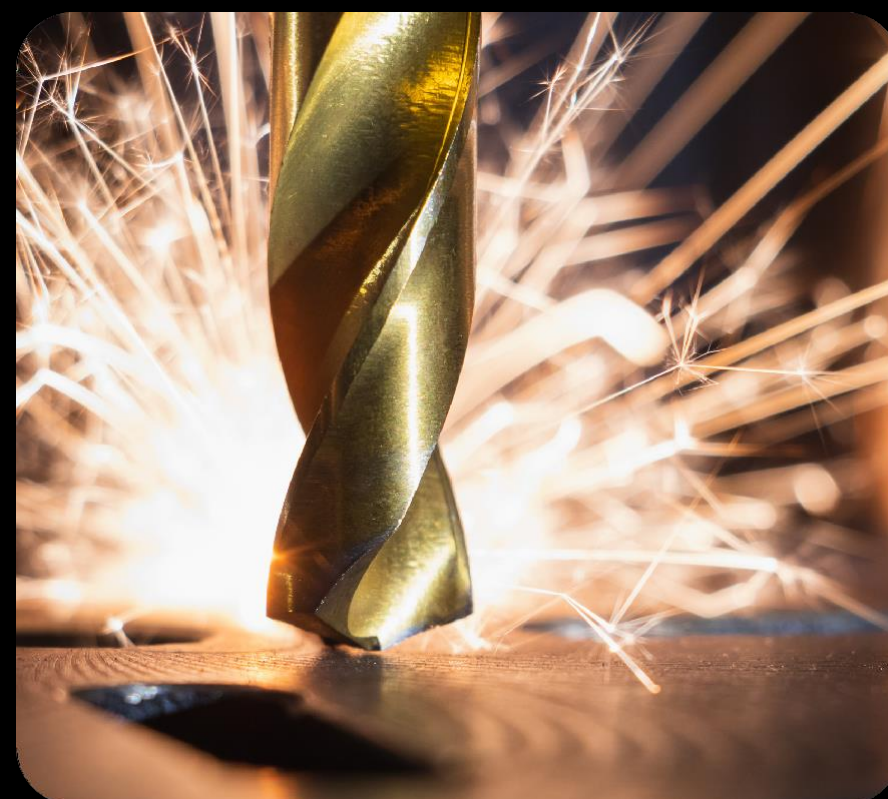
In steel-Lowers CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 185 million metric tons annually.

- Texas A&M University



## Supports Fuel Efficiency

High strength-to-weight ratio makes vanadium a critical component in the automotive industries. In 85% of all vehicles by 2025. Henry Ford first used in Model - T.



# Vanadium Uses

Vanadium - The Versatile Element



## Durability and Weather Resistance

Vanadium alloys are naturally durable to extreme temperature and corrosion, making it irreplaceable in the aerospace industry. Suitable for hydrogen storage and pipes (reduces failure due to hydrogen embrittlement).

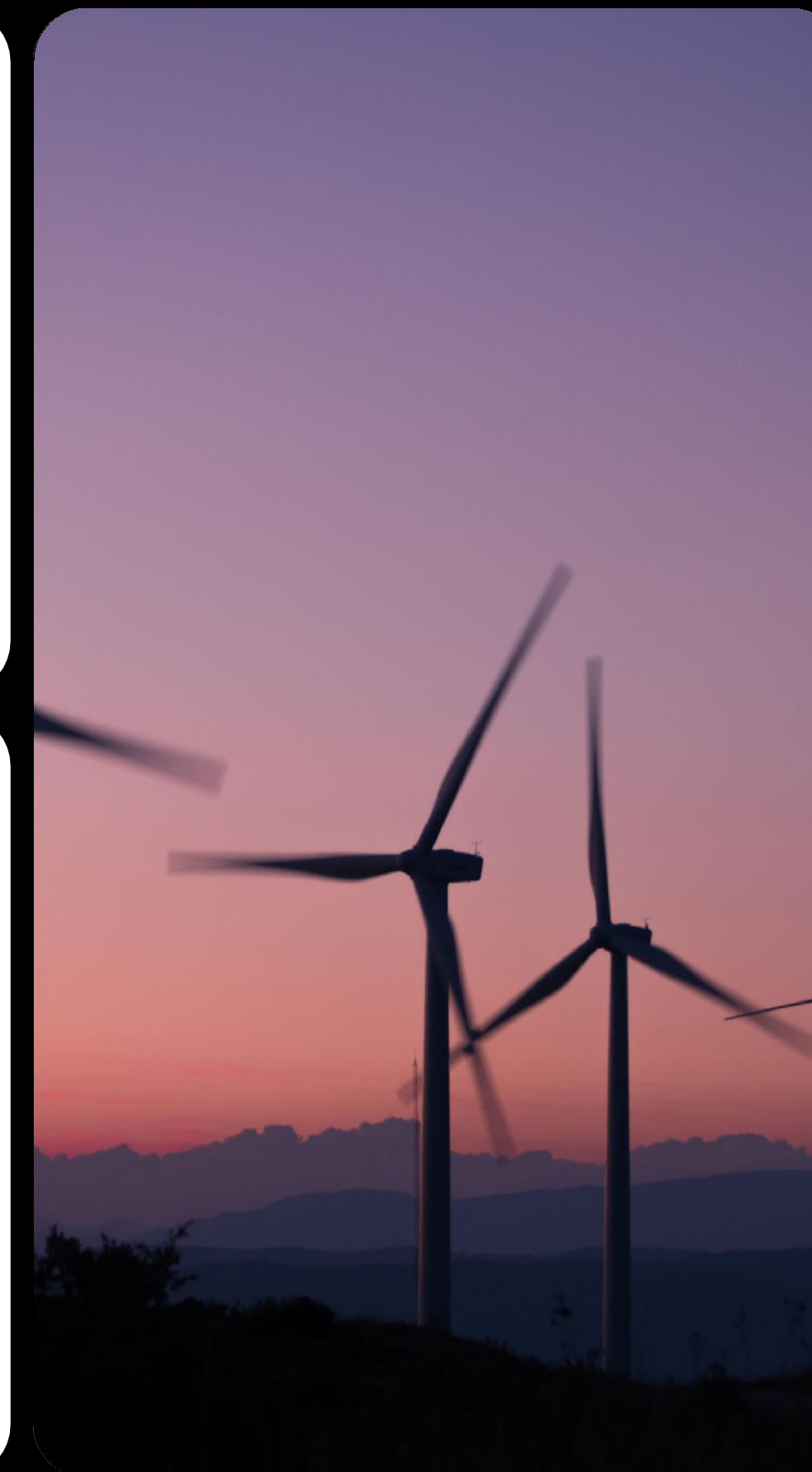


## Chemical and Catalysts

Catalysts, 'Smart Glass', sulphuric acid production, ceramics, dyes, cathodes for lithium batteries.

## Renewable Energy Storage

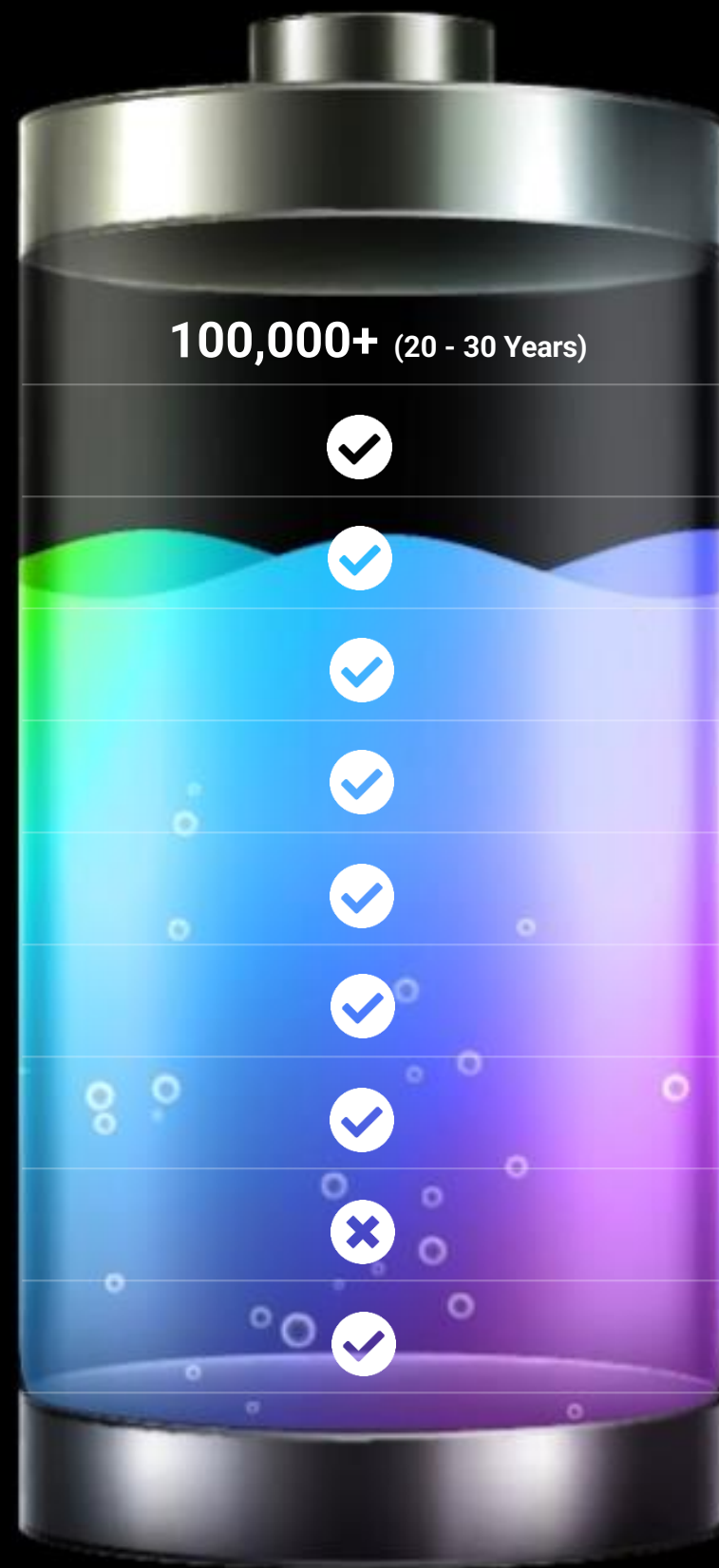
Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries (VRFB) are the preferred solution for large scale energy storage globally. Produces 78% less CO<sub>2</sub> than Li-B - Cradle-to-gate, with recycling and renewables.



# Renewable Storage

Building a Renewable Future with Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries (VRFB)

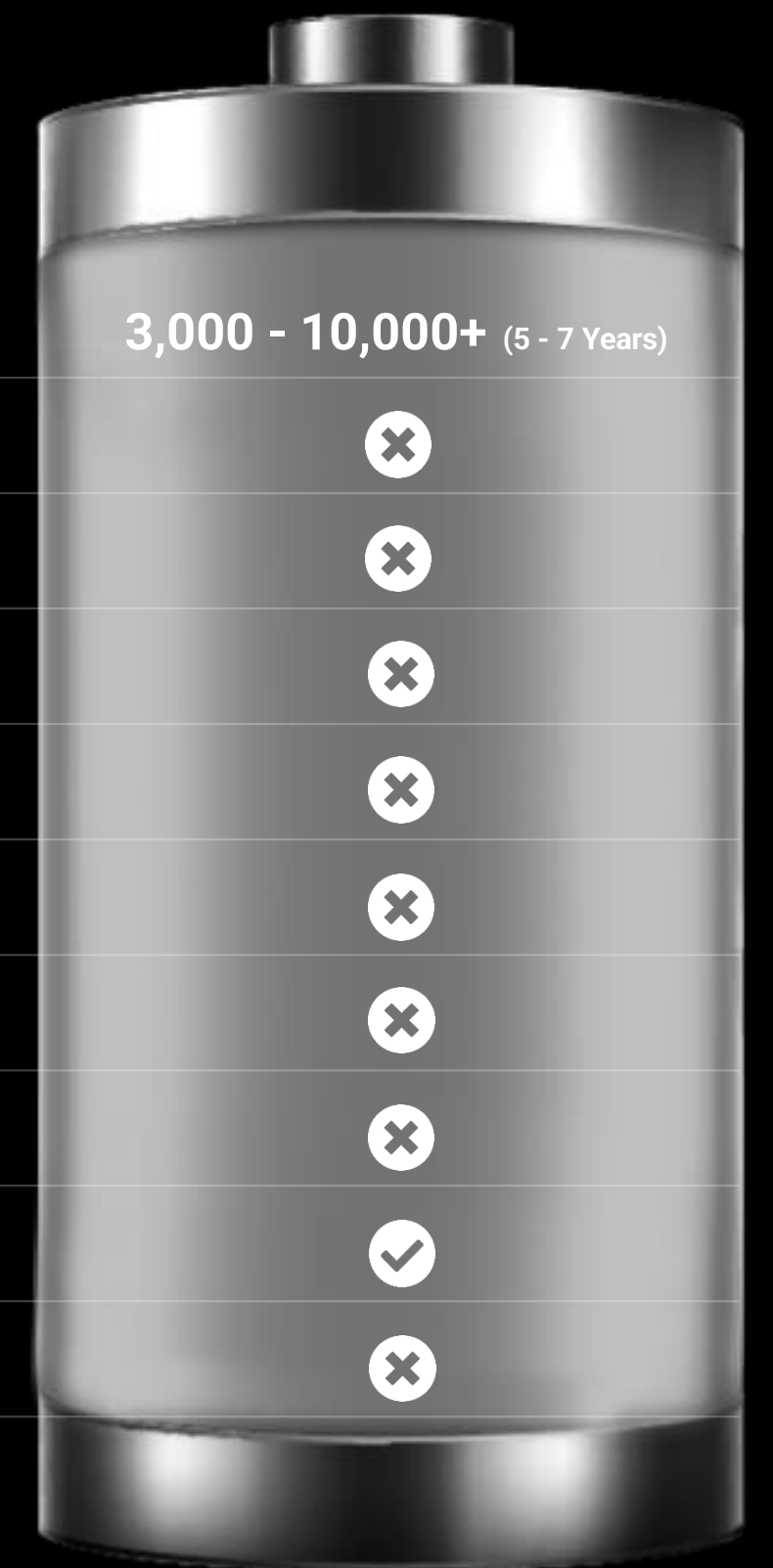
## Vanadium



100,000+ (20 - 30 Years)



## Lithium



3,000 - 10,000+ (5 - 7 Years)



Number of Cycles

Low Self Discharge (Stays Charged)

Low Environmental Footprint

Highly Expandable

Generates Low Level of Heat

Charges and Discharges Simultaneously

Can Release Energy Instantaneously

Suitable for Connection to Power Grid

Small Footprint

**Can be Completely Recycled**

Source: energyandcapital.com

# Vanadium Global Production

Market Set for growth

Market expected to reach

## \$2.36 Billion

in 2025 at CAGR of 10.2%

VRFB demand expected to equate

## ~23%

 of vanadium market

by 2030 currently only ~ 4%

Global Production 2022

## 112,515 MTV

or approx. 200,000tpa  $V_2O_5$  equivalent.

Australia holds

## 18%

 of undeveloped

global reserves BUT has no domestic production – YET!

Vanadium Listed as

## Critical Mineral

in Aust, US, EU and Japan

Global Vanadium demand

## 100%

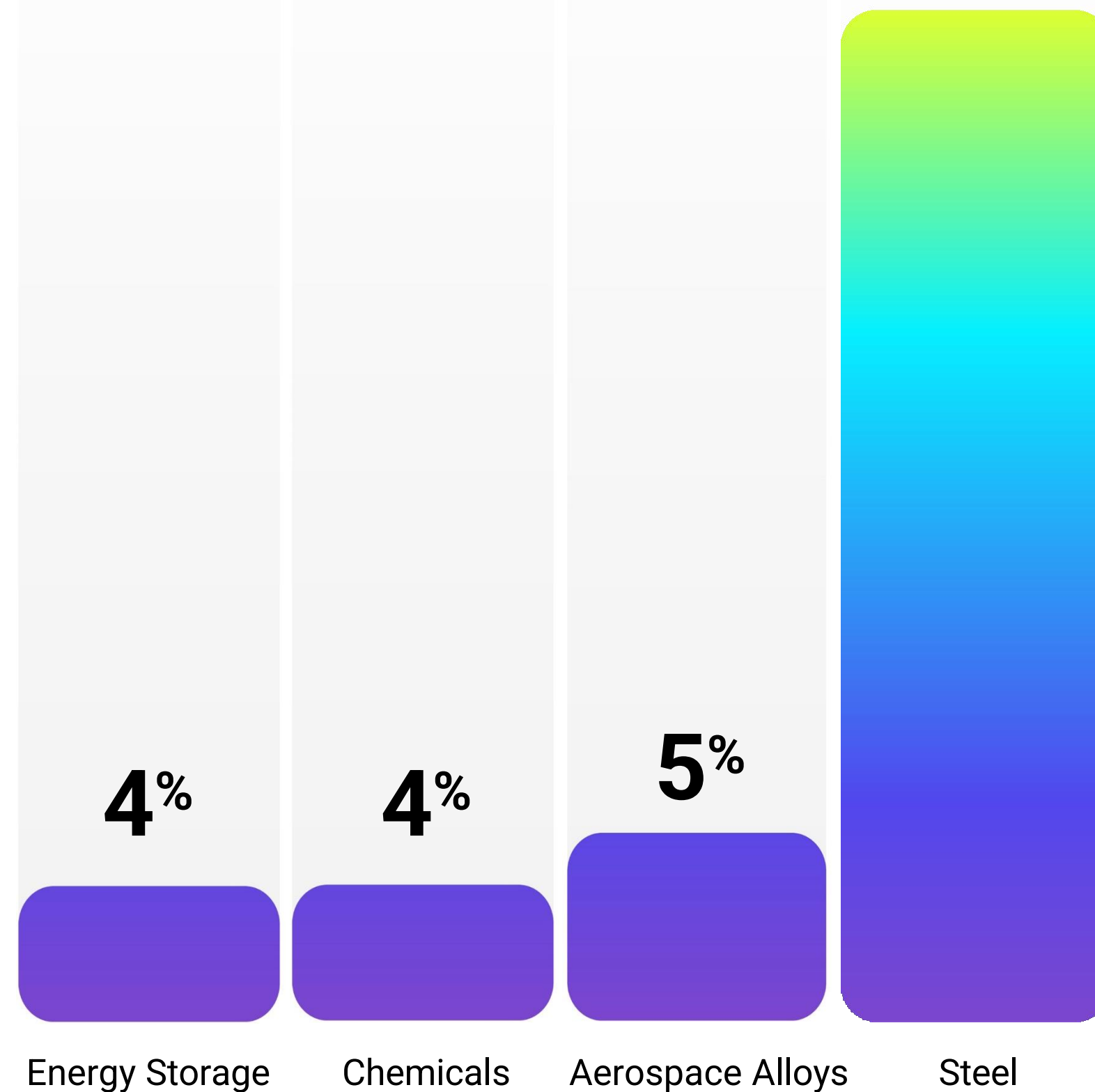
 Increase by 2030

This is due to the growing demand for Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries (VRFBs) – Vanitec, 2022.



## Current Vanadium Demand 90%

Source: Vanitec



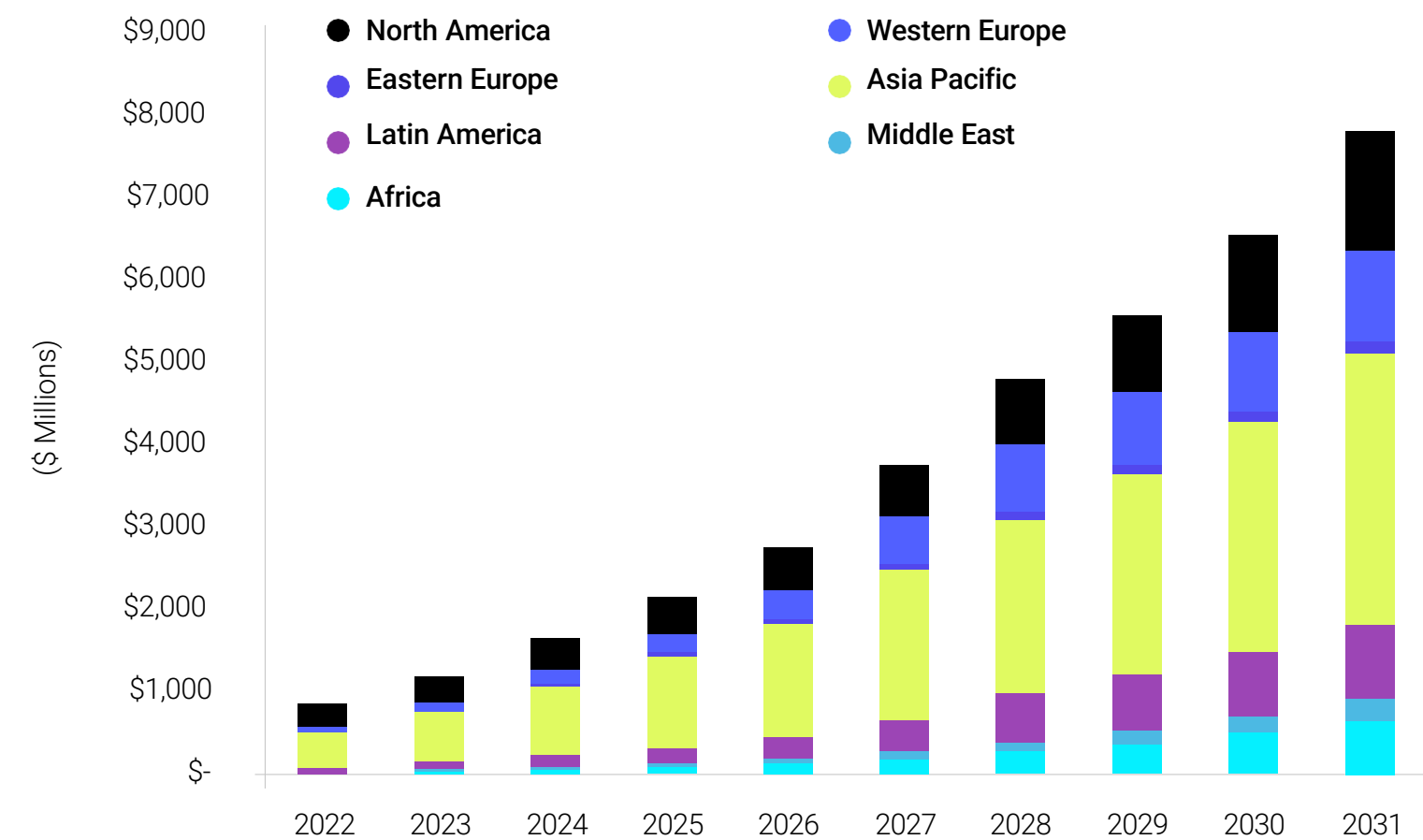


# VFRB Market Forecasts

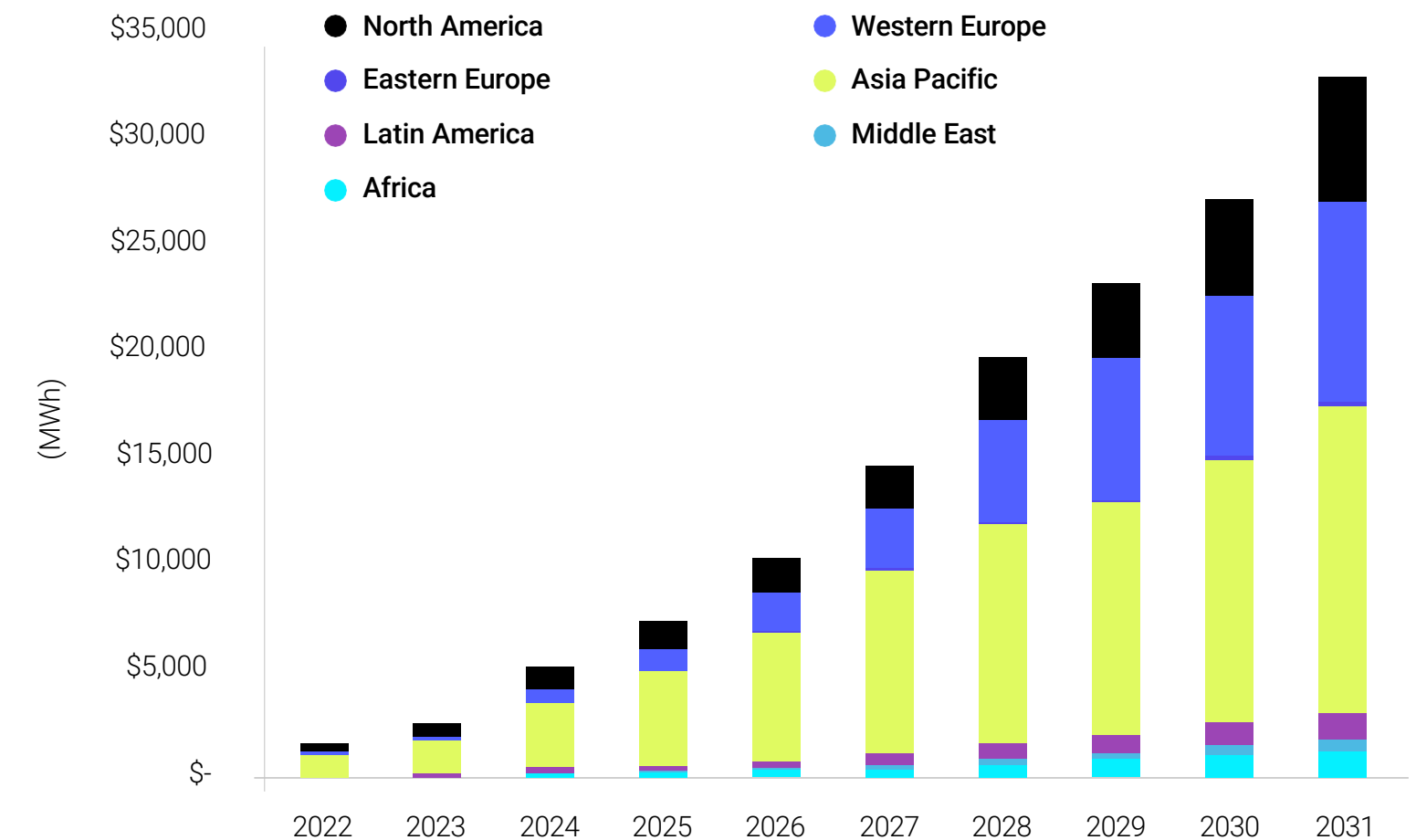


Vanadium for VRFB forecast to grow at an average compound rate of 41% YOY to 2031

Annual Installed VRFB Utility-Scale and Commercial and Industrial Deployment **Revenue** by Region, All Application Segments, World Markets: 2022-2031



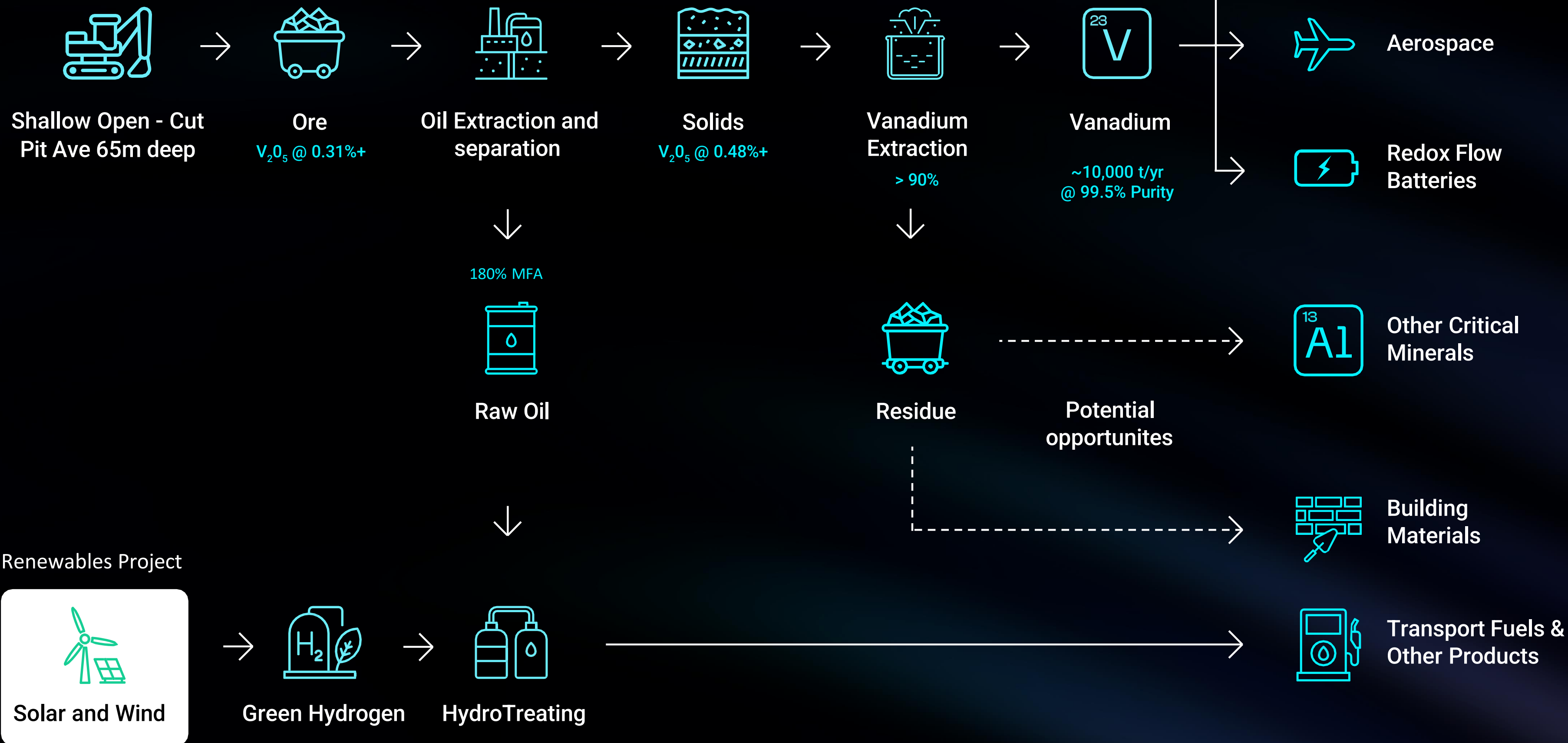
Annual Installed VRFB Utility-Scale and Commercial and Industrial Battery Deployment **Energy Capacity** by Region, All Application Segments, World Markets: 2022-2031



Source: Guidehouse Insights: White Paper Identifying Market Opportunities and Enablers Q2 2022, for Vanitec.

Note: QEM is a full member of Vanitec.

# Vanadium and Oil Shale Project JCP Concept Design





## Pilot Plant Progress

- **Pilot plant test program delivering exciting results**
- **>98%  $V_2O_5$  extraction achieved using acid leaching\***
- **>92%  $V_2O_5$  extraction achieved using alkali leaching\***

\* QEM ASX Announcement February 28th 2023

## Bench scale pilot plant - Testing program and optimisation program underway

- Oil yields (equivalent) **~180% of Modified Fischer Assay (MFA)\*\***
- Petrology studies now underway to understand potential product suite
- Pilot is a proof of concept that enables QEM to maximise vanadium and oil recovery, using this proprietary extraction process

\*\* QEM ASX Announcement December 6th 2022

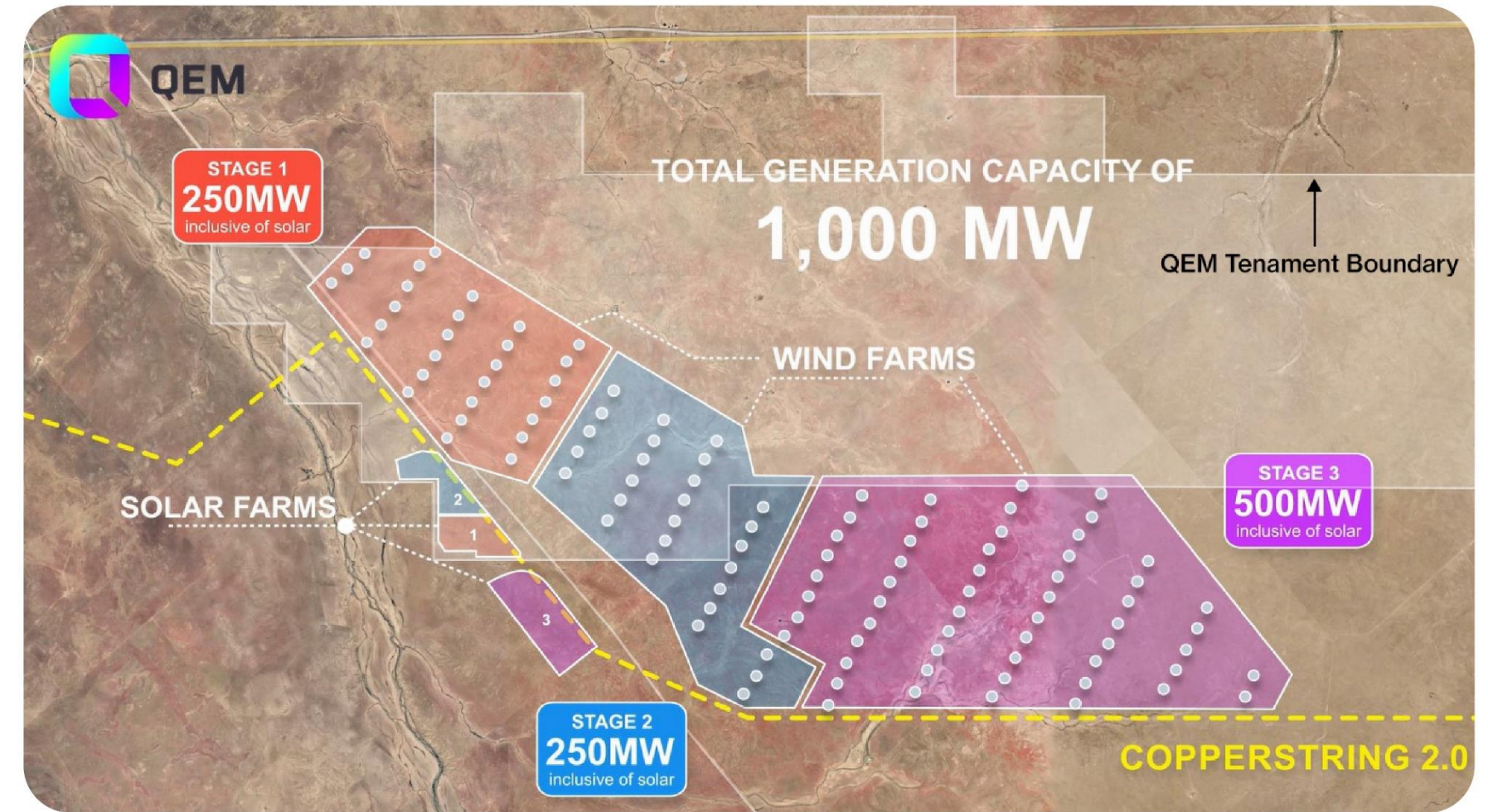
Access to affordable, reliable and renewable energy is a key development pillar for QEM.

With the **\$5B CopperString network** proposed to run through the western portion of QEM's Julia Creek Vanadium and Oil shale project, clean renewable energy will power the project operations.

# Renewable Power Update

“Situated in the best co-located wind and solar resources in Eastern Australia” - AEMO

- Meteorological mast, SoDAR and solar monitoring instruments are transmitting data in real time to support the wind and solar modelling developed in the 2021 Pre-Feasibility Study
- Modelling for **250 MW, 500MW and 1GW**, hybrid solar/wind
- Julia Creek Project (JCP) proposed off taker for **renewable power**
- Strong appetite for large scale projects in the region **with interest shown from global project developers**
- The JCP will utilise renewable power and connect to the NEM via the CopperString network



The Queensland government will deliver **CopperString** to provide affordable, renewable energy to open up the North West Minerals Province. The **1,100 kilometre \$5 billion** expanded CopperString project will be **100 per cent government owned**.

Source: Premier's Speech, Townsville 7 March 2023

# Water Options

## Water options study completed

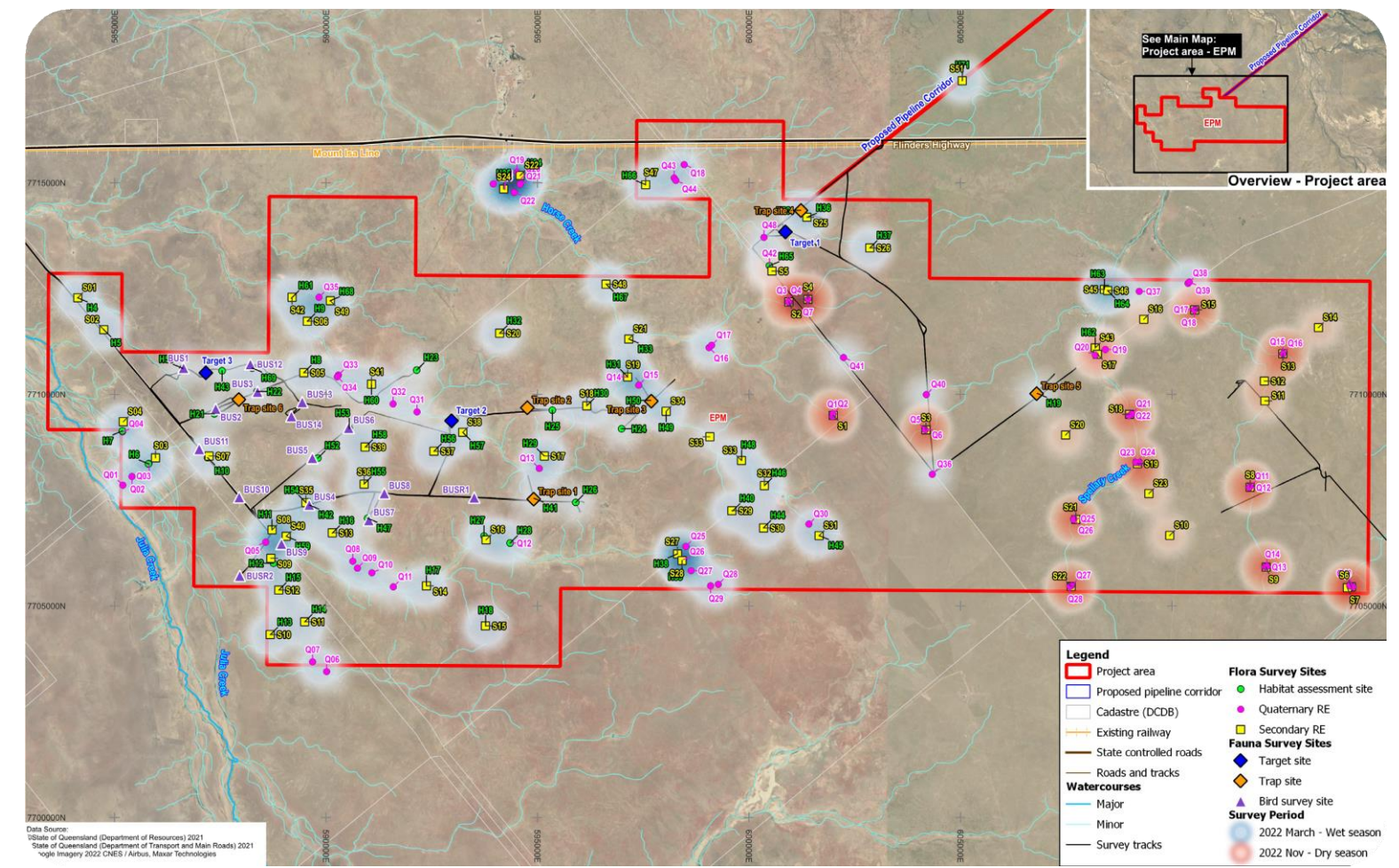
- JCP's water requirement is estimated to be between 4 and 6 gigalitres/yr; Volumes will be refined through progressive engineering stages.
- Water options study recently completed, resulting in two viable options:
  1. The water supply options assessment explored seasonal water harvesting from the Flinders River.
  2. Potential for pipeline from Cloncurry, utilizing Lake Julius resource.
- However, QEM strongly supports a multi-user approach that will benefit not only mining but also other industries and users.
- Ground water use has been ruled out.



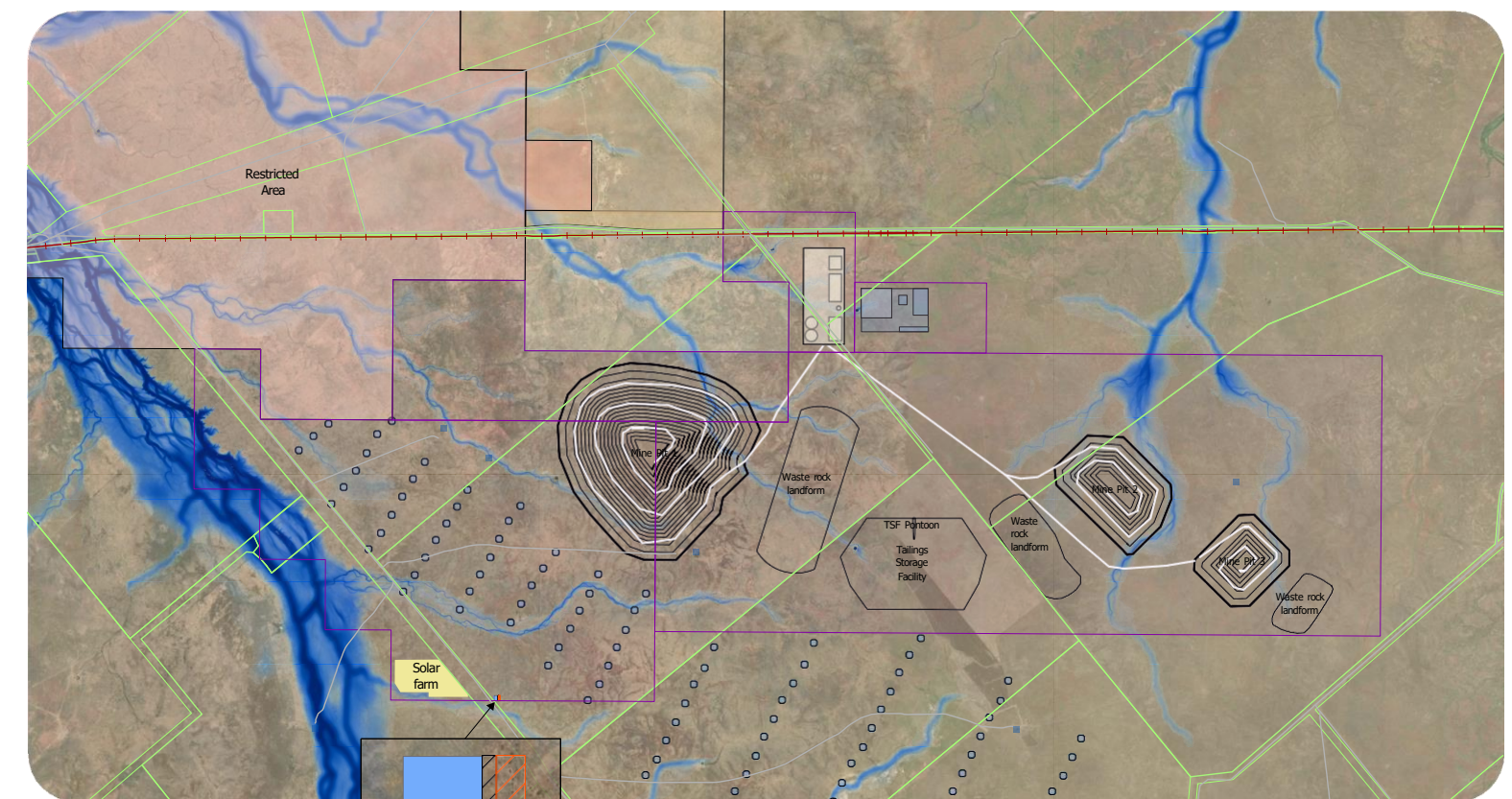
# Environmental Progress

Ecological Assessment Report and other environmental surveys have been completed in 2022

- The purpose of the EAR is to baseline ecological values to develop an Environmental Impact Assessment under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 or similar process to obtain Environmental Authority.
- The ecological assessment includes a desktop assessment, a post wet season flora and fauna survey and a dry season flora field survey.
- A 12-month survey to monitor ground and surface water quality is currently underway.
- A flood modelling study has recently been completed which included 5 design AEP events ranging from AEP 10% to 0.1%, along with two historical flood events (1994 & 2019).
- The result indicates the Project site remains largely unaffected even in 1:100/years and 1:1,000/years rain events.



Multiple fauna traps, bird observation points and flora sampling sites support the EAR

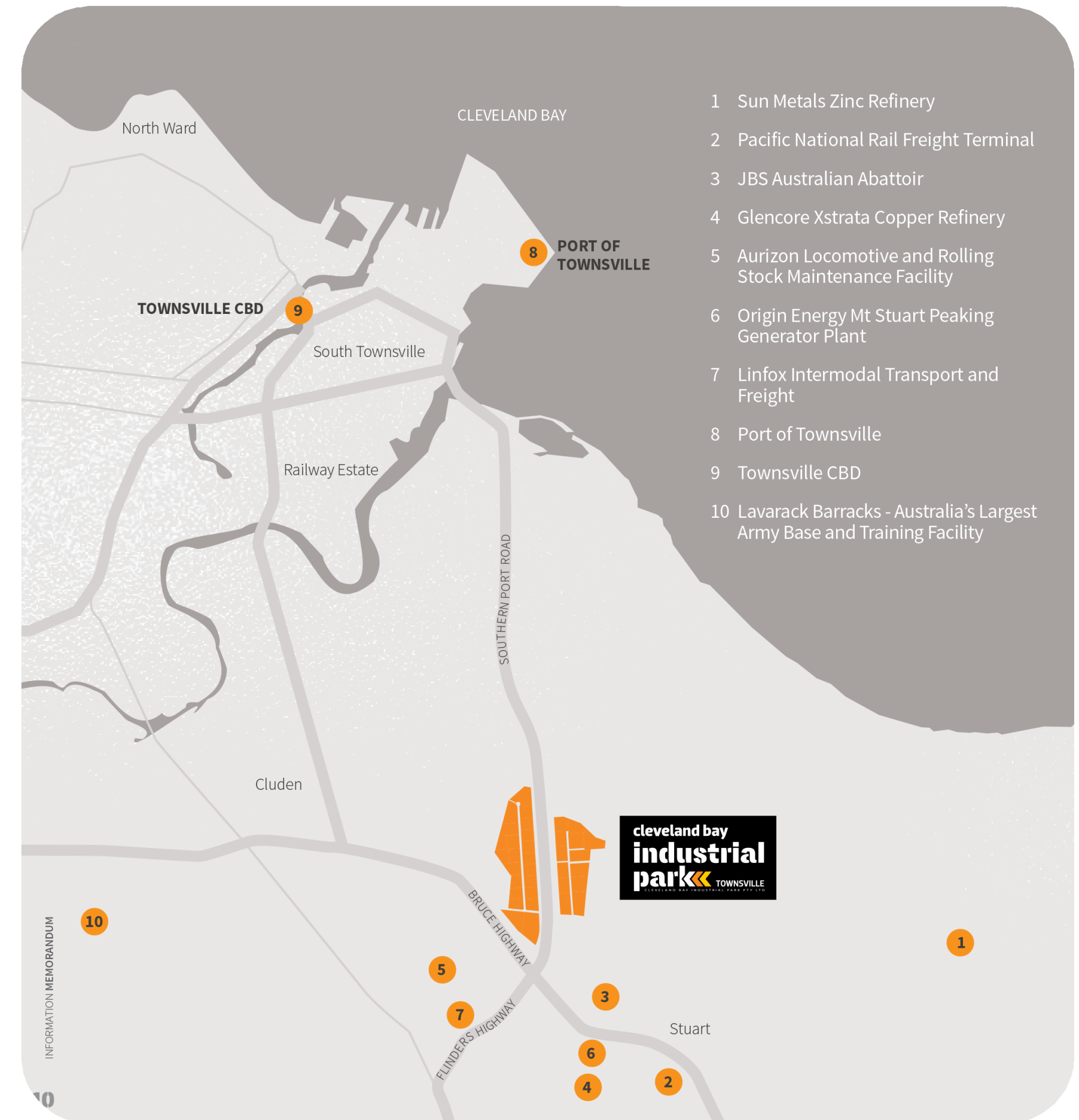


Flood model (environmental baseline), 1:100 years event (AEP 1.0%)

# Townsville QR-CUF Progress

Queensland Government support reach's \$75m for vanadium extraction demonstration plant

- On January 24th, the Qld Premier announced a substantial increase in funding from \$10M to \$75M for the construction of the Queensland Resources Common User Facility (QR-CUF).
- The project will be built at the Cleveland Bay Industrial Park in Townsville.
- The facility is intended to trial production processes for commercialisation, enabling prospective miners to begin producing mineral samples at scale.
- QEM has been involved in the design inputs for the project since its inception and will utilise the facility to demonstrate vanadium extraction processes at scale.
- The project has been granted a Prescribed Project Status, with project completion due in 2025.



Ref: Cleveland Bay Industrial Park Information Memorandum September 2022



# QEM secures vanadium-rich waste stream for conversion to battery electrolyte

Positive ESG outcomes for Queensland

- Sun Metals will provide QEM with vanadium-bearing spent catalyst
- Circular Economy opportunity for QEM to upcycle Queensland industrial waste to battery grade vanadium pentoxide ( $V_2O_5$ )
- QEM plans to use the Queensland Government's \$75M Critical Minerals facility in Townsville to produce battery grade  $V_2O_5$  from the spent catalyst

Image at Sun Metals offices, Townsville

**DK Choi** - Operations Director, Sun Metals

**Joanne Bergamin** - Communications Director, QEM Limited

**Gavin Loyden** - Managing Director, QEM Limited



# Fuel Security

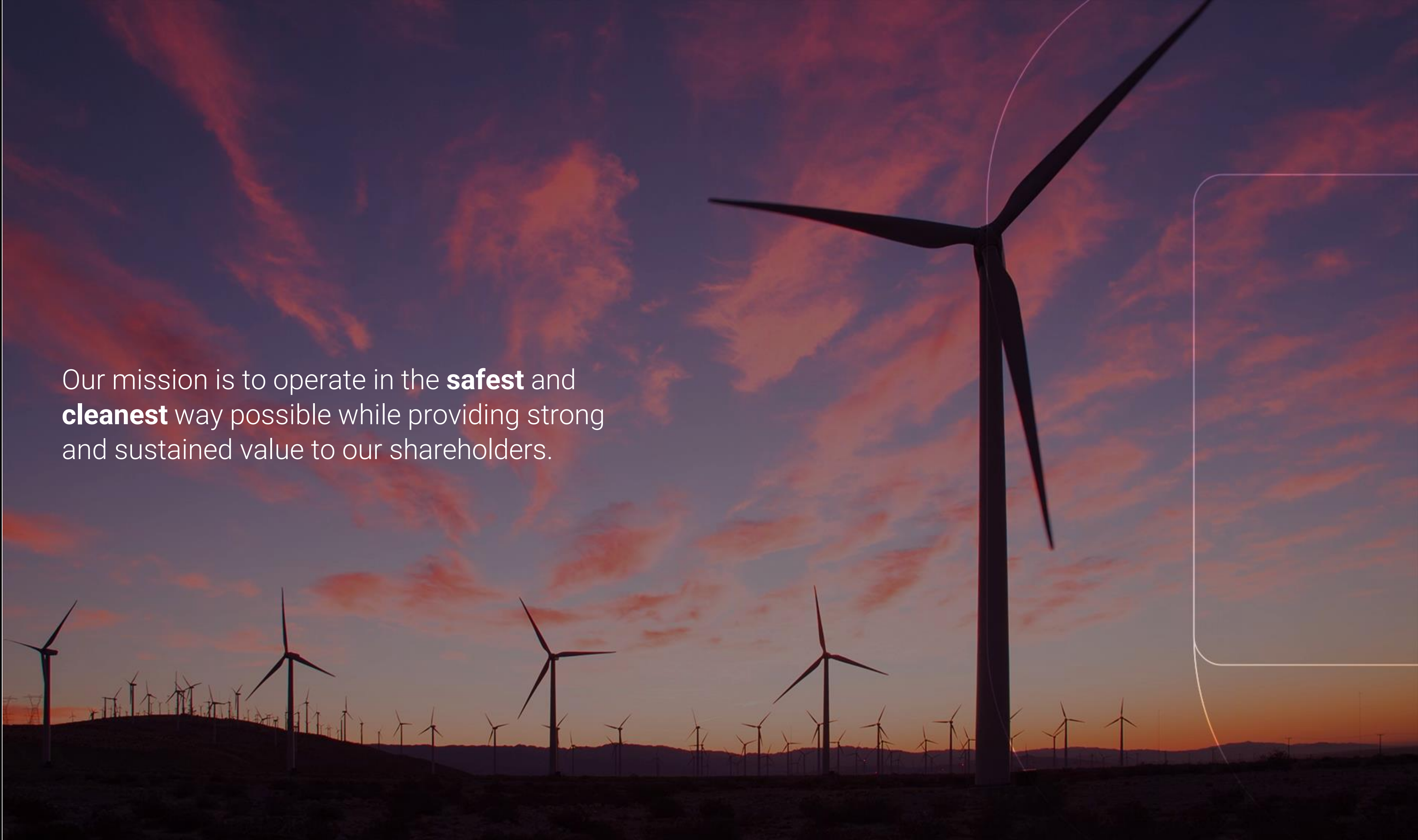
## Running on Empty

- Fuel imports at **93%**, adding **\$30B** to Australia's trade deficit
- Australia now highly exposed to supply shock
- Australia's obligation as a member of the International Energy Agency (IEA) – Minimum 90 days supply
- COVID-19 has further exposed Australia's lack of resilience in this area



We consider this an opportunity!

Our mission is to operate in the **safest** and **cleanest** way possible while providing strong and sustained value to our shareholders.





## QEM's Commitment to ESG

QEM has adopted ESG framework developed by the World Economic Forum (WEF)

### Environmental

- Low carbon footprint goal
- Proposed renewable energy sources
- Products such as V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> support Australia's emission reduction targets

### Social

- QEM supports local community – focus on youth, women's and sport programs
- QEM sponsors St Vinnies CEO Sleepout, St Vincent de Paul Society, Endeavour Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation, WIMARQ (Women In Mining and Resources Qld)

### Governance

- Dedicated to corporate transparency
- Ethically sourced Critical Minerals – traceability and provenance
- Indigenous Engagement Strategy
- Socialsuite ESG Go reporting software used to capture all ESG data

# Why invest in QEM?

Right Project at Right Time



- **Multi Commodity Exposure** in high growth markets
- Globally significant Critical Minerals opportunity
- Fuel Security concerns
- Helping to meet Australia's energy transition targets

- Unique proprietary extraction technology
- Low market capitalization
- Strong government support
- **Tier 1 Mining Jurisdiction**

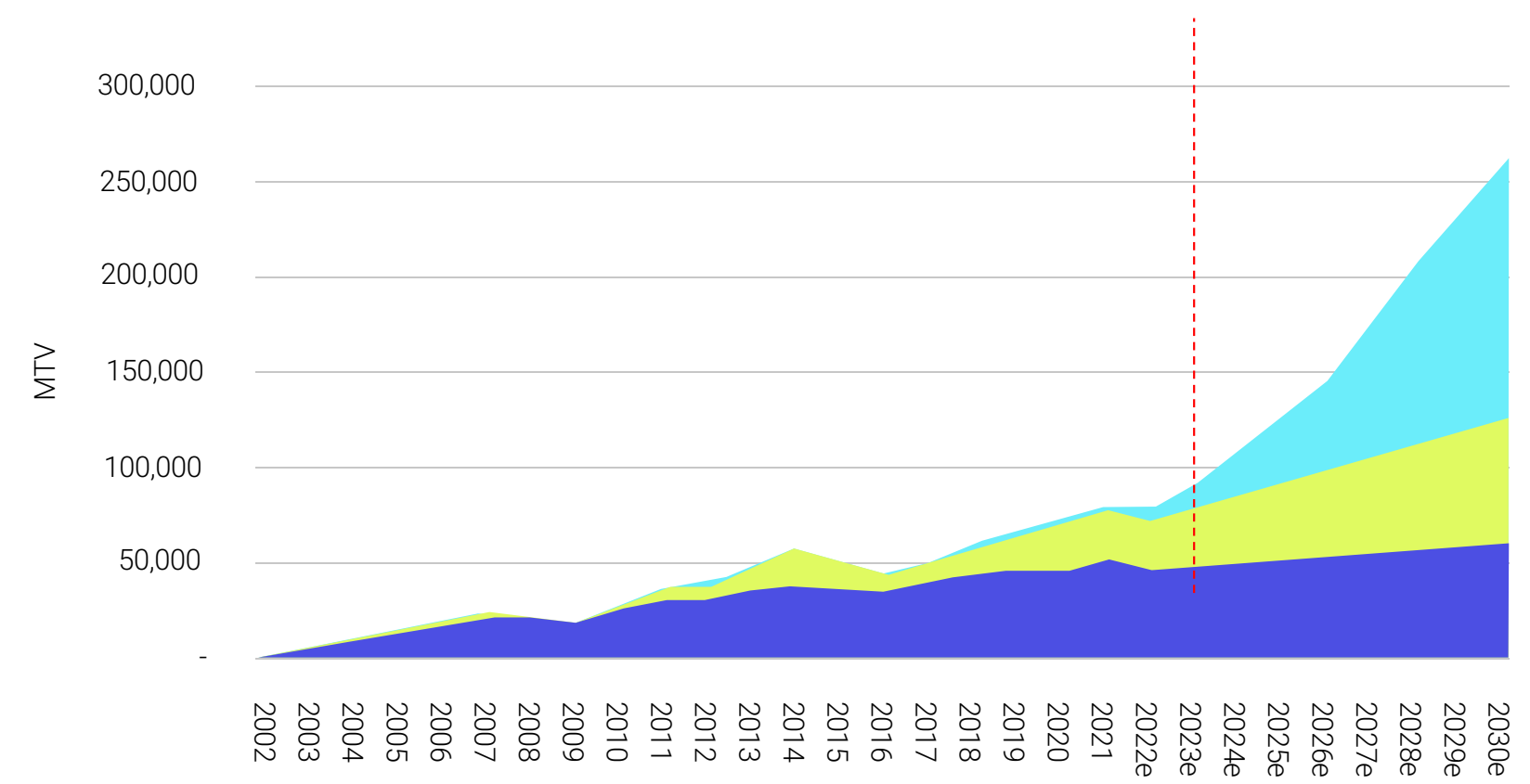


## Sources of New Vanadium Demand

(2002 - 2030)

- Changes in Steel Production
- Changes in Specific V Consumption in Steel
- Energy Storage

Source: TTP Squared, Inc.





### QEM joins up with UQ as a new vanadium company hits ASX

**BUSINESS**  
The University of Queensland has signed on with fledgling vanadium company QEM to improve the value and yields from the Julia Creek deposit and search for rare earths.

### ASX Resources Quarterlies: This oil play is raking in the dollars

January 31, 2023 | Bevis Yeo **STOCKHEAD**

### Queensland just made a \$75m move to become a critical minerals centre of excellence

January 26, 2023 | Christian Edwards **STOCKHEAD**

### QEM's critical minerals project is clearing and it looks really bright

March 8, 2023 | Special Report **STOCKHEAD**

### Queensland transmission line upgrade to enable battery and renewables manufacturing ambitions

By Jonathan Tourino Jacobo, Andy Colthorpe  
March 7, 2023

### QEM achieves highest vanadium extraction results to date from Julia Creek Project in Queensland

By Adam Drought 1 March 2023 | mining.com.au

### Outstanding extraction tests put vanadium spotlight on QEM's Julia Creek Shale

February 28, 2023 | Special Report **STOCKHEAD**

### QEM's critical minerals project worth \$1 billion as Government backs energy project

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Queensland's premier Annastacia Palaszczuk with the QEM team.

### QEM, University of Queensland Partner for Minerals Study at Queensland Project; Shares Rise 3%

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# Appendix A:

Julia Creek Resource



# Julia Creek Resource Overview



Queensland Government support reach's \$75m for vanadium extraction demonstration plant

Resource Class	Strat Unit	Mass (Mt)	Average Thickness (m)	Insitu Density (gm/cc)	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (Wt%)	Cu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Zi (ppm)	Al (ppm)
Indicated	CQLA	127	3.16	2.41	0.24	161	132	121	763	4525
	CQLB	104	2.74	2.32	0.30	201	180	151	912	5756
	OSU	64	1.97	1.99	0.32	217	162	194	1012	49360
	OSL	64	2.05	1.95	0.32	206	143	182	1006	52759
Inferred	CQLA	698	2.52	2.42	0.23	156	136	120	810	2706
	CQLB	879	3.32	2.24	0.38	225	226	205	1197	5322
	OSU	458	1.92	2.02	0.31	229	150	189	1121	60505
	OSL	457	1.94	1.97	0.29	215	130	169	1051	59696
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,850</b>		<b>2.21</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>24304</b>

Table 1: Summary of JORC Mineral Resource Estimate 31 March 2022

**Note:**

1. The estimate uses a minimum cut-off of 0.2% V2O5 for the oil shale units, and minimum cut-off of 0.15% V2O5 for the Coquina units.
2. The total resource tonnage reported is rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty in the estimate categories and component horizons may not sum correctly.

# Julia Creek Resource Overview



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Resource Class	Strat Unit	Mass (Mt)	Average Thickness (m)	Total Moisture (Wt%)	Oil Yield (L/tonne)	Oil Yield LTOM	MMBbls (in-situ PIIP)	MMBbls Recoverable
3C Contingent	CQLB	983	2.8	5.6	49.2	51.2	274	247
	OSU	522	1.8	5.6	74.6	78.8	221	199
	OSL	521	1.9	5.6	68.3	71	202	181
<b>Total / Ave</b>		<b>2026</b>		<b>5.6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>626</b>
2C Contingent	CQLB	104	2.6	2.6	43.7	44.5	27	24
	OSU	64	1.9	9.5	79.4	83	28	25
	OSL	64	1.9	12.2	74.2	76	25	23
<b>Total / Ave</b>		<b>2,850</b>		<b>8.1</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>71</b>

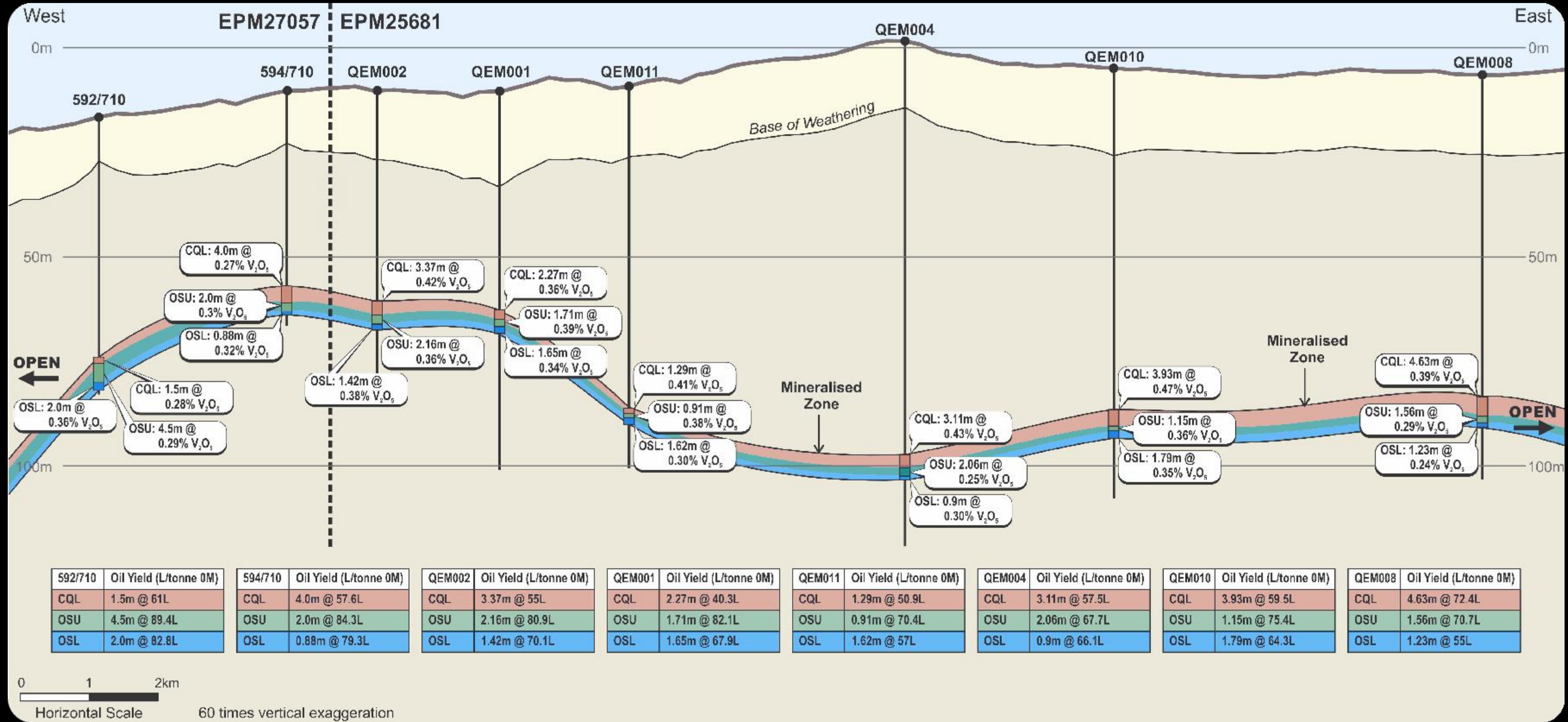
Table 2: Summary of SPE-PRMS Oil Resource estimate 31 March 2022

**Note:**

1. The total resource tonnage reported is rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty in the estimate and component horizons may not sum correctly.
2. The 3C petroleum resource reported includes the 2C volumes, ie. They are cumulative not incremental as per the PRMS 2018 guidelines
3. An economic cut-off of 40l/tonne was applied prior to the calculation; it must be noted that the CQU and CQLA did not meet the >40l/tonne for inclusion in the calculation. The 2C and 3C volumes reported here are unrisked.

# Julia Creek Oil Yield

Cross Section the Julia Creek Oil Deposit



Source: Measured Group

The estimation methodology used is deterministic. The estimation is based on grids constructed for unit structure, thickness and oil grade parameters



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