

# Critical minerals processing and refining Parkes Special Activation Precinct



## Location snapshot



**Reach 80%**  
of Australia's  
population in 12 hours



Rail connection to Port  
of Newcastle and Port  
Kembla



Abundant deposits of  
critical minerals



**5-10%** cost of  
industrial land  
compared to Sydney



Streamlined  
planning



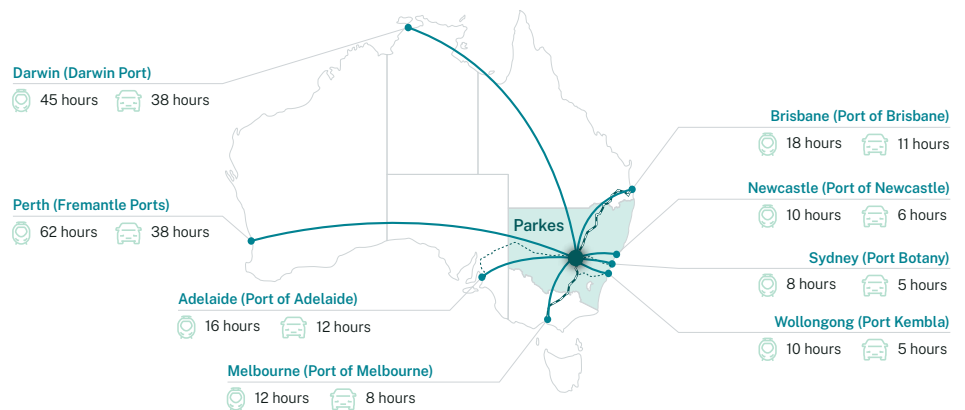
**New 140 MVA**  
sub-station planned

## Critical minerals powerhouse

NSW has endowments of 17 of the 24 minerals identified in the Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus 2020, driving growth in both advanced and emerging projects. Parkes is central to more than 10 critical minerals projects, including five projects in the advanced planning stage. The region is set to supply critical **scandium** and **cobalt** to the emerging electric vehicle battery industry.

## Parkes Special Activation Precinct

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is a 4,800-hectare master-planned industrial estate. This Australian-first future UNIDO Eco-Industrial Park offers government-funded infrastructure, streamlined planning and business concierge support services - all designed to save on the cost and time associated with setting up a new business location.



## About Parkes



### Within 1 hour

from one of the largest nickel-cobalt-scandium resources in the world (Sunrise)



### 70,000

Parkes workforce catchment



### 5hrs

by road west of Sydney

## Increasing demand

The demand for critical minerals is driven by advances in telecommunications, medicine, manufacturing, defence, energy and renewables. The NSW Government is helping position the state as a global leader in minerals mining and processing.

## Rail crossroads of Australia

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is strategically located at the only junction of Australia's two major transcontinental rail lines connecting Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne -reaching 80 percent of Australia's population in 12 hours. Direct road connectivity with heavy freight access, connects the precinct to major cities including Sydney and Canberra, in under five hours.

The nearby Parkes Regional Airport offers daily flights to Sydney, providing connectivity to Australian and global markets.

## Workforce

Parkes has a workforce catchment of 70,000, with its central location enabling the region to draw workers from a wide area that includes the major regional cities of Orange and Dubbo. The region offers a specialised workforce, with nearly 10,000 technicians and trades workers employed across the catchment.

## UNIDO Eco-Industrial Park

Parkes Special Activation Precinct is an Australian first, aligning to the UNIDO Eco Industrial Park framework. In doing so, businesses are supported to drive efficiency and productivity in operations and continuous improvement. Co-locating with like minded businesses increases the opportunity for scaled solutions, collaboration and innovative partnerships.



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