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## MINERALS STRATEGY TO UNEARTH UNDERGROUND RICHES

The NSW Minerals Strategy designed to unlock NSW's underground wealth has been launched today.

NSW Minister for Resources, Don Harwin says the state's rich metal deposits will be the focus of the plan to examine the vast potential of the minerals sector of NSW.

"From nickel to scandium, cobalt to zinc, magnesium, titanium and more we are blessed with huge untapped resources – we want to take advantage of those deposits," Mr Harwin

"This Strategy positions NSW as an essential supplier to meet growing global demand for metals used in the advanced technologies of today and tomorrow."

"The revenue from royalties paid to the State by mining supports the provision of essential services like schools, hospitals and transport.

"The industry is a major regional employer, generating many thousands of jobs that help underpin social and economic wellbeing in regional NSW."

The strategy outlines five key actions to help grow the minerals industry:

- providing new data and information about mineral deposits in NSW;
- improving the way the State authorises new mineral projects;
- promoting investment in the NSW minerals sector;
- ensuring best practice regulation for all operating mineral projects; and
- improving communication and engagement with the community and industry.

As part of the strategy, Minister Harwin also released the high-tech metal resources of NSW map, a guide to the abundance of minerals the State possesses.

"High-tech metals are used in some of the most complex and technology-driven devices available today," Mr Harwin said.

"They are used for a wide range of technologies - from mobile phones, pace makers and battery storage to electric vehicle components, solar panels, wind turbines and satellites."

"This strategy clearly signals that NSW is very much open for business when it comes to socially and environmentally responsible metal exploration and extraction," Mr Harwin said.

Since 2010, NSW's share of Australian mineral exploration has more than doubled from 5.3 per cent to 11.7 per cent.

For more on the NSW minerals strategy visit:

[www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/mineralsstrategy](http://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/mineralsstrategy)

To download a copy of the high-tech minerals map visit:

<http://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/hightechmetalsmap>