



# Natural Resources Sector Investment opportunities

Queensland offers world-standard natural resources and large areas of underexplored land, providing investment opportunities in existing projects as well as new projects and commodities.

The Queensland Government actively encourages investment in the resources sector.

The sector is supported by high quality rail, port and utility infrastructure, which is expanding to meet increasing demand.

- In 2012-13, resource activities contributed \$25.6 billion\* (8.8%) to the state's gross product and attracted 68% of all capital investment in Queensland.
- Queensland accounts for 25% of natural resources-derived business in Australia.

## Reserves and production

- Queensland is rich in high-quality coal resources, with more than 34 billion tonnes of coal, of which 8.7 billion tonnes is coking coal.
- The state and is one of the largest seaborne exporters of coal in the world.
- Queensland is in the world's top six regions for the production of lead (9.1%), zinc (7.9%), and silver (6.4%) and accounts for 1.6% of global copper production.
- Queensland is also Australia's largest bauxite producer (32%) and third-largest gold producer (4.2%).
- At 30 June 2013, CSG production stood at 264Pj, with certified proved and probable (2P) CSG reserves at 37,233Pj - 88% of which is sourced from the Surat and Bowen Basins.

## Queensland Government initiatives

The state has introduced a number of measures that reduce red and green tape obligation and to facilitate exploration and project investment:

- The Collaborative Drilling Initiative (CDI) – to enhance exploration investment in under-explored parts of the Queensland. The program co-funds the drilling cost of innovative programs through grants.
- ResourcesQ – a partnership with the resources sector to develop a shared vision for Queensland's resources over the next 30 years (for more, see [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/mining](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/mining))
- Future Resources Program – a \$30 million program expected to fund seven initiatives over the next three years to support Queensland resources and exploration activities (for more, see [www.mines.industry.qld.gov.au/mining](http://www.mines.industry.qld.gov.au/mining)).



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- Galilee Basin Development Strategy - a strategy to lower upfront costs and stimulate development in the basin's southern and central coal resources. The strategy outlines how government will support the development of water, power and rail infrastructure in the region (for more, see [www.dsdp.qld.gov.au/infrastructure-and-planning](http://www.dsdp.qld.gov.au/infrastructure-and-planning)).

## Investment opportunities

There are a range of investment opportunities in Queensland's natural resources sector in the areas of gas and petroleum, coal and minerals.

### Gas and Petroleum

#### Coal seam gas (CSG):

- around 300-500 new wells need to be drilled each year (over the next 20 plus years) to support the LNG projects
- opportunities in infrastructure maintenance and/or operational works
- potential for investment in manufacturing and installation of gas and/or water-gathering lines and associated equipment for field development.

#### Shale gas-oil/oil shale:

- embryonic sectors with opportunities in engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) professional and supply chain services
- equity stake opportunities in new projects
- there is a need for the development of supporting hard and soft infrastructure to enable project development (e.g. power/gas utilities, delivery pipelines, housing/social infrastructure).

### Coal

- There are new project development and/or equity opportunities in the Galilee Basin and opportunities to expand existing projects.
- There are also EPC opportunities in the development of new projects and the supporting hard and soft infrastructure (e.g. power/gas utilities, delivery pipelines, housing and social infrastructure).

### Minerals

- There are new project and EPC opportunities in the early stage rare earths and uranium sectors, and opportunities to develop supporting hard and soft infrastructure like power/gas utilities, housing and social infrastructure, to enable project development.



## Queensland, your global partner

Queensland has led Australia's economic growth for more than 20 years. Our internationally-renowned resources sector is complemented by growing and innovative knowledge-intensive and enabling industries.

The state has benefited from significant government spending on infrastructure, a strong mining and resources sector and solid foreign migration, adding to the state's skilled workforce.

Ideally positioned at the crossroads of the Asia-Pacific, Queensland is close to the growth markets of the world, providing a strong advantage as an investment destination.

Queensland has many natural, economic and structural advantages including:

- a strong, stable economy, a pro-business government and solid economic growth
- cost advantages – lowest payroll tax in Australia, economical office rental and commercial property costs
- ease of doing business (second best of 185 countries for establishing a new business (World Bank, 2013))
- high quality labour-force highly educated, low levels of absenteeism, high efficiency
- solid legal framework – effective regulation of contracts, loans, banking, real estate and the stock market, and full protection of intellectual property and patents
- reliable supply chain due to high quality road, rail, port and airport infrastructure
- market access – free trade agreements with key trading partners
- excellent quality of life pleasant sub-tropical environment, affordable housing, a world class education system and advanced health services.

Australia:

- is number two in the world on the 'where to be born' index – best countries for a healthy, safe and prosperous life (The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2013).
- has the eighth most resilient economy to economic cycles in the world (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014)

## About TIQ – what we do

Trade & Investment Queensland (TIQ) is the Queensland Government's key investment attraction agency. We promote the state as an ideal place to do business for foreign investors and overseas companies.

TIQ's specialised teams provide business and investment services to interstate and international investors and through our local and overseas network of Trade Commissioners, relationships with government, local councils and industry bodies by:

- providing detailed industry knowledge about business costs, skills availability and investment opportunities in Queensland
- helping to organise inbound visits
- connecting potential investors with industry associations and key supply chain allies
- identifying potential partners for joint venture or collaborative opportunities
- introducing investors to local companies and service providers
- providing advice and assistance for dealing with government departments and economic development agencies
- communicating 'investment-ready' projects to potential investors.

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