

The Copi Mine Project

Environmental Impact Statement

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The Copi Mine Project, located 75 km northwest of Wentworth, is a unique, world-class resource that has the potential to create hundreds of local jobs and economic benefits for the Far West Region of NSW.

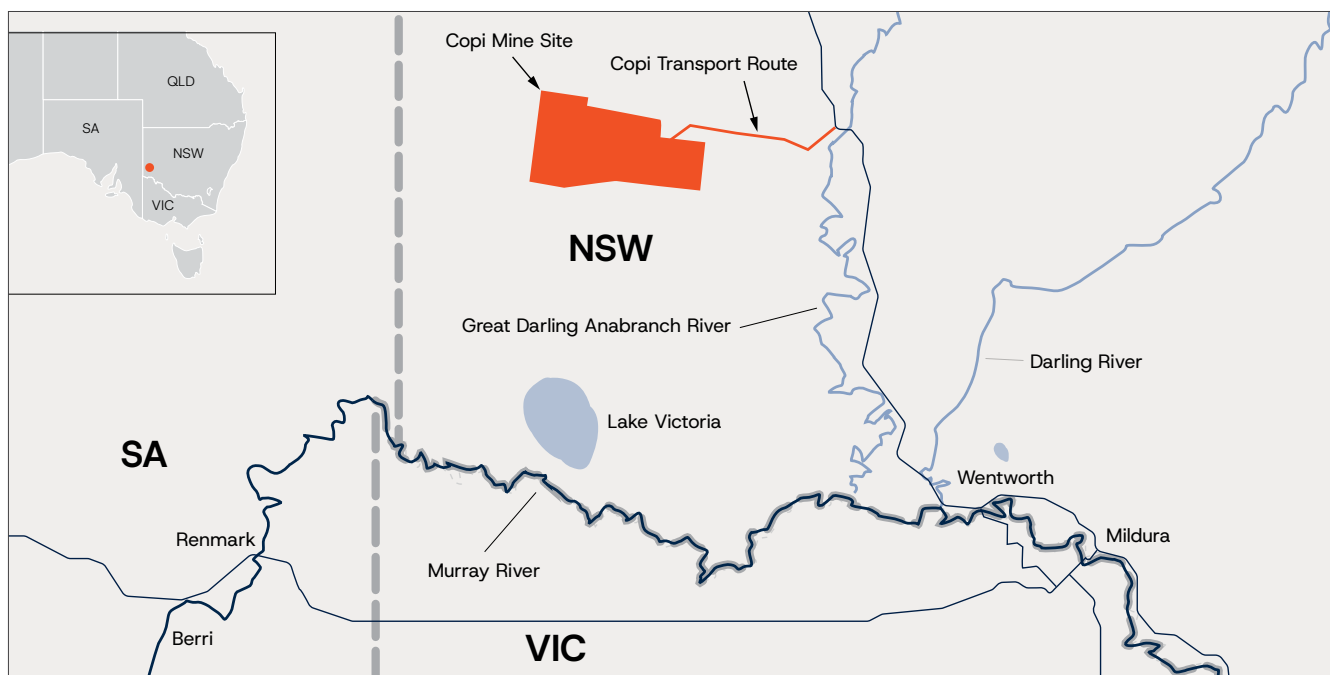
About the project

RZ Resources is an Australian-owned mining company focused on producing critical minerals and rare earths that are essential for the modern world while delivering long-term value to our communities in Wentworth, Broken Hill and beyond for more than two decades.

Australia has among the largest deposits of critical minerals, and the Copi Mine will produce globally significant volumes of titanium, zirconium, and rare earths. These minerals are vital for the renewable energy transition, electronics, telecommunications, manufacturing, defence, and advanced medical devices.

Locally, we are committed to working with, and being part of, the community as we progress this Project. We want to ensure we deliver social and economic benefits that will see this region continue to thrive by contributing to a 240-strong workforce and boosting local spending by up to \$97 million each year during operation.

Nationally, the Project will help to secure the critical minerals supply chain for Australia and our allies. It aligns with Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy 2023–2030 and is at the forefront of the NSW Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Strategy to secure supply chains for Australia.



Copi Mine Project Site

Our EIS

Our Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a comprehensive document that provides information on the economic, environmental, and social aspects of the Project.

The EIS outlines how we will manage the Project throughout its life, from construction to rehabilitation, to help the community and government agencies make informed decisions and submissions. It includes sections on rehabilitation, transport, surface and groundwater, matters of cultural heritage, and local social and economic benefits.

Since 2017, we've been talking to the local community to get informed feedback on the Project, and address any issues as we developed the EIS. We are pleased to share our progress.

Local economy

The Project represents a rare opportunity for the region, driving investment, innovation, local employment, upskilling, road upgrades and active engagement with local Traditional Owners.

We are creating jobs today and into the future with Synergies Economic Consultants undertaking an independent assessment that determined the Project will deliver substantial benefits to Wentworth, Far West Region and NSW more broadly, including:

- Sustaining up to 480 direct full-time equivalent employment positions during construction and 240 positions during operations.
- Creating an additional 754 indirect jobs during construction and 580 indirect jobs during operations in the Wentworth LGA.
- Boosting spending in Wentworth by up to \$97 million each year across the life of the Project.

Social benefits

Since commencing operations in the region, RZ Resources has actively invested in local communities through employment, partnerships, and direct support. Since 2017, we have established our exploration base in Wentworth, built a local team employed from within the region, and opened our Wentworth HQ on Darling Street to enhance community engagement and provide accessible project information.

An independent Social Impact Assessment (SIA) found that the Copi Project will deliver significant benefits across the broader community, including increased employment, local workforce and supplier spending, investment attraction, and community cohesion.

To date, RZ Resources has contributed more than \$150,000 in direct financial support to the community, including:

- Ongoing sponsorship and participation in the annual Wentworth Show since 2018, including a donation towards the construction of the Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion
- A five-year sponsorship of the Wentworth Bowling Club 'Bonanza' competition
- A donation to support the Anabranche Picnic event
- Sponsorship of the upcoming Wentworth Shire Council and Community Bank Wentworth & District 'Ladies Night'
- A financial contribution to assist with the reconstruction of the Junction Island Bridge

In addition to direct contributions, RZ Resources has made significant indirect contributions through providing free meeting facilities at our Wentworth HQ community hub, and by engaging local suppliers, trades, hotels, and services—helping stimulate the regional economy.

Environmental commitment

Our mining process will enable us to undertake continuous rehabilitation of the site. At the end of the life of the Project the land form will have a higher agricultural land capability than the current land form through the rehabilitation process.

No species listed as Matters of National Environmental Significance were identified within the mine site. Conservation efforts will instead focus on state-significant species. These actions are supported by a rehabilitation program, developed in collaboration with universities, to help these species thrive while also improving practices and building knowledge.

We are committed to ensuring at least 30 per cent of the power to operate the Project is sourced from renewable sources.



Roads and transport

Through voluntary planning agreements, RZ Resources will work in partnership with the Wentworth and Broken Hill councils to deliver the road upgrades and contribute to other local infrastructure projects.

About \$3.5 million will be committed to construct or upgrade roads and intersections that are publicly accessible, including:

- Anabranth Mail Road – A 6.1-kilometre section of Anabranth Mail Road between the Silver City Highway and the Site Access Road will be upgraded to an all-weather, unsealed road, and a small section of the road in the vicinity of the proposed Site Access Road will be realigned.
- The intersections of Site Access Road and Anabranth Mail Road, Anabranth Mail Road and the Silver City Highway, Patton and Comstock Streets (Broken Hill), Comstock and Eyre Streets (Broken Hill) and Holten Drive and the Rail Facility site entrance road (Broken Hill).

RZ Resources will apply to use BAB quad (type 2) road trains, which are the same size as those used by existing mining operations in the region, to reduce the number of vehicles travelling between the mine site and Broken Hill.

Cultural heritage

An independent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment was undertaken by OzArk and local Aboriginal people who conducted artefact surveys on the ground. The assessment identified sites with Aboriginal objects, which will be managed proactively in partnership with the local Aboriginal community through a cultural heritage plan.

Water management

Three aquifers exist within the mine site, but water does not flow between them. The Project will only use the upper aquifer, which, at just under twice as salty as seawater, is neither potable nor of other productive use and will not affect the middle or lower aquifers.

RZ Resources will be able to effectively manage water on site to ensure there is no loss of surface water to surrounding rivers, no impacts on surface water quality and no flooding-related impacts on surrounding properties.



Local commitment

RZ Resources is committed to looking after the interests of local landholders and the community wherever possible and has addressed matters raised during consultation. Since 2017, a variety of formal and informal methods of engagement have been employed, including face-to-face meetings, telephone, mail and email, public displays, and roundtable discussions. RZ's Wentworth HQ on Darling Street will continue to encourage meaningful communication with community members and stakeholders for the life of the Project.

In addressing matters raised, we have designed the Project to ensure:

- It will not exceed the NSW Government criteria on dust emissions.
- It will not exceed the NSW Government criteria on noise, with the exception of road upgrade works on two intersections in Broken Hill, which will be managed in partnership with Broken Hill Council to minimise any disruption to local residents.
- Monazite product is handled in accordance with NSW Government guidelines with a dedicated officer in charge of its management.

The mine site is relatively isolated from surrounding residential locations and public vantage points.

Copi project update and next steps

Following feedback from the 2024 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibition, RZ Resources is finalising two key reports to support the Copi Project's State Significant Development Application. The Submissions Report will address all feedback received during the exhibition period, while the Amendment Report will outline proposed changes to mining operations and infrastructure aimed at reducing project impacts and improving environmental outcomes.

Project documents are be publicly available on the NSW Major Projects Planning Portal, or via scanning the QR code below.

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