

The Townsville Summit

Major projects and investment in a diverse and dynamic region

8 – 9 October 2025 | The Ville Resort-Casino

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Hon Dale Last MP, **Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development**



Ranee Crosby, *Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville Ltd*



Tim Richardson, *Chief Executive, The Ville, Morris Group*



Brendon Grylls, *Executive Chair, Richmond Vanadium Ltd*



Maria James, *CEO, Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone Inc (MITEZ)*



Damien Keys, *Managing Director, Sunshine Metals*



Tim Rose, *Chief Executive Office, Mount Isa City Council*



Nancy Norton, *Head of Risk & Safety, Ark Energy*



Jamie Fitzpatrick, *Managing Director, FGH Group*



Luke McDonald, *Managing Director, CEO, Renewable Energy Partners (REP)*



Jason Floyd, *General Manager, Ernest Henry Operations, Evolution Mining*



Glen Connell, *Executive General Manager – Stakeholder Relations, Harmony*



Claudia Brumme, *Chief Executive Officer, Townsville Enterprise*



Vignesh Bandi, *Senior Development Manager, Private Energy Partners*



Louie Trajkoski, *Chief Investment Officer (Acting) Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)*



Brigadier Ben McLennan, *Commander 3rd Brigade, Australian Army*



Stephen Forshaw, *Chief Representative Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, Airbus*



Ed Mason, *CEO, Jet Zero Australia*



Colin Randall, *Executive Director, Chatham Rock Phosphate Limited*



Simon Currie, *Chief Projects Officer, Energy Estate*



Jack Murphy, *Senior Development Manager – Project Origination, DP Energy Australia*



Glen Maidment, *Managing Director, Maidment Group*



A/Prof. Benjamin Taylor, *Head of College (Engineering and Aviation), CQUniversity Australia*



Daren Marks, *Director & CFO, Wandaarra Limited*

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Wednesday 8 October 2025

DAY 1

8:15 Registration and Morning Coffee

9:00 **EVENT OPENING**

Alexandra Bennet, *Conference Director, Informa*

9:05 **OPENING** | Opening remarks from the Chair

9:10 **An overview of the investment pipeline and opportunities in north Queensland**

Claudia Brumme, *Chief Executive Officer, Townsville Enterprise*

9:40 **Financing the North: Unlocking Strategic Investment for Long-Term Growth**

- Highlight NAIF's role in enabling catalytic investment across Northern Australia
- Show how blended finance and partnership models are unlocking private capital alongside government investment
- Provide examples of NAIF-backed projects in energy, infrastructure, and resources that have driven wider regional benefits
- Position NAIF as a trusted partner in de-risking major projects for investors

Louie Trajkoski, *Chief Investment Officer (Acting), Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)*

10:10 **Driving Regional Prosperity in the MITEZ Corridor**

Maria James, *CEO, Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone Inc (MITEZ)*

10:40 Networking and refreshment break

11:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Unlocking & embracing the region's opportunities

- A viable path forward for a critical asset
- Regional transition – opportunities & challenges it creates
- How can projects compete against countries that don't have the same energy & labour costs?
- Are taxes putting future investment at risk?
- Finding regional solutions
 - > Creating avenues of support for different sectors
 - > Government assistance to maintain strategic assets
 - > Impacts of closures

Lisa McDonald, *Chief Executive Officer, Regional Development Australia (RDA) Townsville and North West Queensland*

11:40 **Townsville Port: Connecting Trade | Creating Opportunity**

Ranee Crosby, *Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville Ltd*

12:10 **Townsville's Growing Importance as the 'Capital' of the Australian Army**

Brigadier Ben McLennan, *Commander 3rd Brigade, Australian Army*

12:40 **SunHQ Hydrogen Hub**

- Contributing to the decarbonisation of Sun Metals

Nancy Norton, *Head of Risk & Safety, Ark Energy*

1:10 Networking and lunch break

2:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Regional Development creating opportunities, enhancing the regions liveability and economic vitality

- Master planning for the proposed Breakwater expansion to boost Townsville's waterfront
- Housing
- Restaurants & hotels

Tim Richardson, *Chief Executive, The Ville, Morris Group*

Jamie Fitzpatrick, *Managing Director, FGH Group*

Glen Maidment, *Managing Director, Maidment Group*

2:30 **Evolution Mining's Ernest Henry Operations**

Jason Floyd, *General Manager, Ernest Henry Operations, Evolution Mining*

2:55 **Eva Copper Mine Project Update**

Glen Connell, *Executive General Manager – Stakeholder Relations, Harmony*

3:20 Networking and refreshment break

3:50 **Townsville – the Ideal Regional Home for a Domestic SAF Industry**

- Townsville offers the full range of strategic benefits to become the region's SAF leader
- Australia and the world is moving quickly towards SAF as a drop-in fuel alternative traditional jet fuel
- Growing a local SAF offers a wide range of benefits to Townsville: offering emissions reduction, fuel sovereignty (for civilian and defence aviation) and regional economic benefits

Ed Mason, *Chief Executive Officer, Jet Zero Australia*

Stephen Forshaw, *Chief Representative Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, Airbus*

4:20 **Reimagining Online Education: Growing Regional Capacity with Cadetships and Trade Practice**

A/Prof. Benjamin Taylor, *Head of College (Engineering and Aviation), CQUniversity Australia*

4:55 Day 1 Closing remarks

5:00 Networking drinks 🍷🍹



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Thursday 9 October 2025

DAY 2

8:30 Registration and Morning Coffee

9:00 DAY 2 OPENING

Alexandra Bennet, *Conference Director, Informa*

9:10 Opening remarks from the Chair

9:15 MINISTERIAL ADDRESS

Hon Dale Last MP,
Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development

9:35 Future Ready Economy for Mount Isa

Tim Rose, *Chief Executive Officer, Mount Isa City Council*

10:00 Powering the North: Unlocking Australia's Vanadium Future

Brendon Grylls, *Executive Chair, Richmond Vanadium Ltd*

10:25 Networking and refreshment break

11:00 Revitalising Exploration in the Charters Towers District

Damien Keys, *Managing Director, Sunshine Metals*

11:25 Northern Quartz Campus

Vignesh Bandi, *Senior Development Manager, Private Energy Partners*

11:50 Developing large scale renewable energy projects in NQ

Luke McDonald, *Managing Director, CEO, Renewable Energy Partners (REP)*

12:15 Windy Plains Renewable Energy Park - The Benefits of Early Community Engagement

Jack Murphy, *Senior Development Manager - Project Origination, DP Energy Australia*

12:40 Networking and lunch break

1:30 RailPhos

- Cloncurry to Port of Karumba private rail line
- Enabling export of Georgina Basin phosphate in bulk through common user facilities

Colin Randall, *Executive Director, Chatham Rock Phosphate Limited*

1:55 Regional Infrastructure Partnerships - the key to Unlocking the North

- CaliQueen - the new subsea data cable connecting North Queensland to US and North Asia
- Emerald Gas Pipeline - bringing energy security to North Queensland through investment in critical infrastructure
- Enabling infrastructure for new energy and infrastructure precincts in Townsville and Abbot Point

Simon Currie, *Chief Projects Officer, Energy Estate*

2:20 Green Economy & Regional Resilience: How can green collar jobs grow in North Queensland

- Economic Transformation - The region's transition through industrial precincts, green economy initiatives, and export potential
- High-Level Networking and Policy Dialogue - Engaging government officials, investors, business leaders, and community representatives to shape Northern Queensland's future
- Circular Manufacturing for Regional Impact - How Wundarra's zero-waste model tackles Townsville's waste streams, addresses housing needs with low-carbon building solutions, and builds sovereign supply chains for food, fibre, and packaging

Daren Marks, *Director & CFO, Wundarra Limited*

2:45 CLOSING | Closing remarks from the Chair

2:50 Close of Conference

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