

# Media Release

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**  
Minister for Climate Action  
Minister for Energy and Resources  
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## **BOOSTING JOBS POTENTIAL IN CRITICAL MINERALS**

Labor is creating more jobs by growing Victoria's critical minerals industry, with new grants open today.

Minister D'Ambrosio today invites businesses, industry, universities and researchers to apply for funding to explore establishing antimony processing here in Victoria, and how best to build a modern processing facility.

Antimony is an in-demand critical mineral used in everyday products like electronics, batteries and fire-safe materials.

Victoria already has Australia's largest antimony deposits and the country's only operating antimony mine at Costerfield – and processing antimony locally could double the number of jobs supported by the industry.

Geological Survey of Victoria research indicates there may be more antimony in Central Victoria than previously thought – creating further opportunities for jobs and investment.

The Advancing Antimony Grants offer a share of \$1 million to support early work needed to establish an antimony processing industry in Victoria.

Growing this industry is part of Labor's Critical Minerals Roadmap, which is focused on creating secure, well paid jobs and getting more value from Victoria's natural resources.

Regional Victorians deserve good jobs close to home, and expanding this industry will help locals start and build careers in mining and manufacturing.

Applications for the Advancing Antimony Grants are open until 23 June. Resources Victoria will host a webinar in May to help applicants understand the process.

More information is available at [resources.vic.gov.au](https://resources.vic.gov.au).

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio**

*"These grants are about creating good local jobs and making sure more of Victoria's minerals are processed right here at home."*

*"Communities across central Victoria have generations of mining and manufacturing experience and this is about backing that local expertise to create more local jobs."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Industry and Advanced Manufacturing Colin Brooks**

*"This is about building a strong manufacturing future in Victoria with secure jobs and long-term economic benefits."*