

The logo for the Committee for the Hunter, featuring a stylized map of the Hunter region in light blue with the text "COMMITTEE FOR THE HUNTER" in white.

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HUNTER

# RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRIAL PRECINCTS

Growing energy businesses, investment and jobs in  
the Hunter

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# Hunter Economic Diversification

Where are the new jobs?



But HOW do we create them?  
Where's the plan?  
How do we connect an affected workforce & businesses to these jobs?

Solutions cross **place**, governments, portfolios & sectors

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# WHERE DO WE START?

Focus on industries and jobs where the Hunter demonstrates:

- Competitive advantage
- Build from assets & capabilities
- Grow the pie: potential for new domestic & export markets

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# C4H ENERGY INITIATIVES

## 2021-22 initiatives

- Defining an ambitious vision for the Hunter energy industry and targets for jobs

Set a light on  
the hill

- Mapping and communicating energy initiatives, projects and opportunities, supporting navigation and uptake

- Hunter Energy Ambassador
  - The ‘face’ of Hunter energy
  - Promote and increase the profile of our local energy industry
  - Bring focus and drive investment in the sector
  - Position local businesses to build capabilities and access opportunities

Tell & sell a  
better story

- Fostering an “ecosystem” for growth via a documented **energy industry strategy** – infrastructure, workforce/skills, supply chain, land use planning, regulation, governance, policy, programs etc.

- Feeding energy industry requirements into parallel work streams:
  - Hunter Hydrogen Taskforce and Regional Tech Cluster
  - C4H Freight and Supply Chain
  - Youth Committee for the Hunter

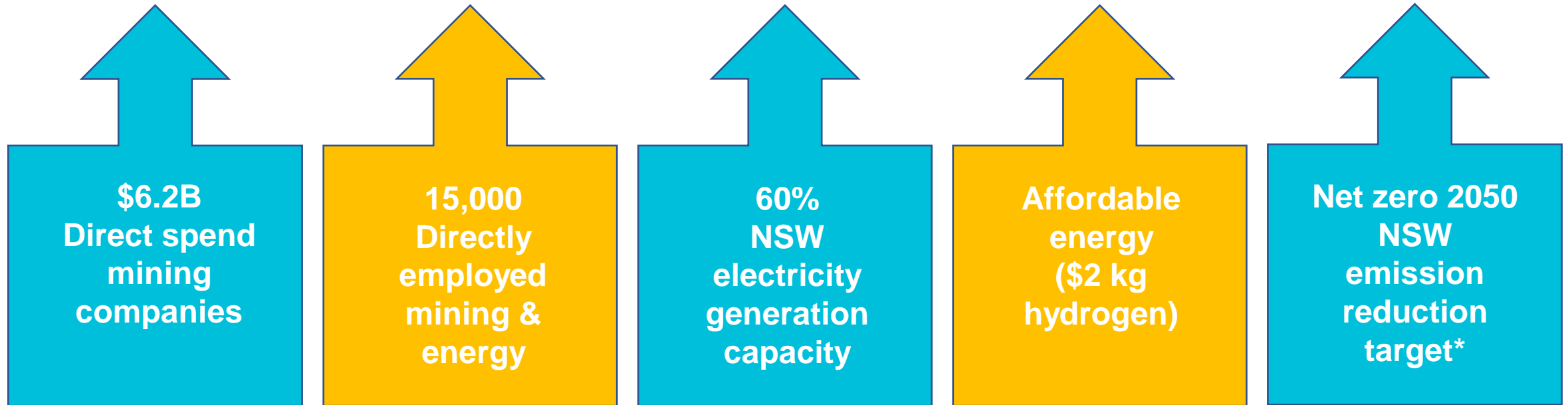
Improve the  
value  
proposition

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# A LIGHT ON THE HILL

A framework to prioritise options and track progress



**Maintain balance, if not increase/decrease\***  
**Performance = progress across all pillars**

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# RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRIAL PRECINCTS

A place based approach to industry development

- Industry clusters
  - Networks: HunterNet, Industry Growth Centres, Hydrogen Tech Cluster
  - Precincts: Special Activation Precincts, City Deals
- **Hunter REIP** - bringing together basic ingredients of regional development to grow jobs and the economy
  - Competitive advantage
  - Human capital
  - Capital investment
    - Connectivity – physical, digital and knowledge networks between people, organisations, goods and services, and **place**

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# RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRIAL PRECINCTS

A place based approach to industry development cont.

Addresses specific challenges central to decarbonisation:

- Energy and emissions intensive industry
- SCALE, reduce entry/operational costs
- Speed, building from significant investment in infrastructure and skills
- Feasibility, including coupling of demand/offtake to underwrite investment in generation capacity
- Grounds and compliments whole-of-economy policy Net Zero

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# AUSTRALIA'S CARBON AND ENERGY TRANSITION DOES NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE HUNTER

If you want to be part of the revolution, the Hunter is the place to be

The Hunter is Australia's Energy Capital and the right location and scale for a REIP

- Energy extraction
- Generation
- Distribution
- Retail
- Storage and export
- R&D
- Increasingly the manufacture of renewable energy components
- Largest energy users and emissions intensive businesses in the nation

Hunter REIP provides the platform to grow our energy industry and invite others to be part of it

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