



# **Industry Research and Development (Advancing Research and Development for Critical Minerals Program) Instrument 2020**

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I, Keith Pitt, Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia, make the following instrument.

Dated 22 July 2020

Keith Pitt  
Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Industry Research and Development (Advancing Research and Development for Critical Minerals Program) Instrument 2020*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	28 July 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 33 of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

*program* means the Advancing Research and Development for Critical Minerals Program.

## 5 Prescribed program

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the program is prescribed.
- (2) The program provides funding for scientific research and development activities, including those undertaken by collaborating with foreign geoscience agencies, to improve access to Australia's critical minerals reserves and increase opportunities for downstream processing of critical minerals in Australia, including by:
- enabling the further identification and development of such reserves; and
  - identifying improved processes and techniques for critical minerals exploration and extraction; and

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- (c) exploring opportunities for the recovery of critical minerals from tailings and other mine waste; and
- (d) developing advanced processing techniques.

### **6 Specified legislative power**

For the purposes of subsection 33(3) of the Act, the powers of the Parliament to make laws with respect to the following are specified:

- (a) external affairs (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxix) of the Constitution);
- (b) measures that are peculiarly adapted to the government of a nation and cannot otherwise be carried on for the benefit of the nation (see paragraph 51(xxxix) and section 61 of the Constitution).