



## **Curtin University**

## **WA's Mineral Carbonation Roadmap**

An opportunity to particpate in the future of CO<sub>2</sub> management in Western Australia

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## Why is Mineral Carbonation Important to WA?

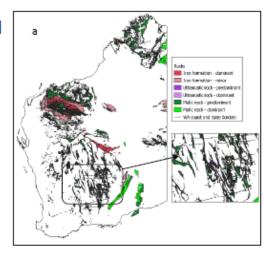
- Effective carbon management is an important, necessary and unavoidable component of WA's CO<sub>2</sub> abatement future
- As a potential large-scale, industrialised solution, mineral carbonation presents numerous advantages
- The WA mining and refining industry produces billions of tonnes of ore and mineral products each year – the production by-product has significant financial value in other ways



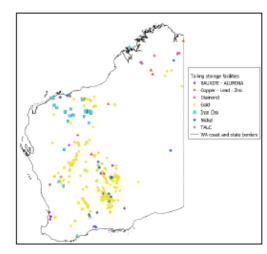


## **WA** is a Target-rich Environment

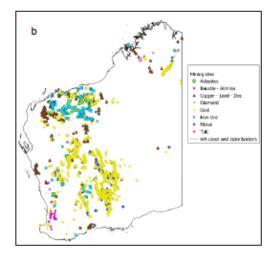
Mafic, ultramafic and iron-rich rocks



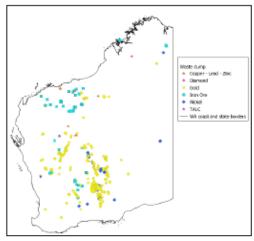
Tailings storage facilities of minerals suitable for carbonation



Locations where minerals outcrop



Waste dumps of minerals suitable for carbonation





# **Challenges and Opportunities**

- Re-use: Bio-utilisation, Liquid Fuels, Methanol/Chemicals
- Direct Air Capture: Seems like the likely path
- Storage: Mineral Carbonation
- By-products: industrial Minerals
- Syn-products: CO2 offset credits

#### **Source**











Direct Air Capture

Power Generation

Refinery

Gas Processing

Chemical Production

#### Capture







Membrane



Scrubber



Sorbent

#### **Storage**



**CO2 Storage** 

#### Re-use



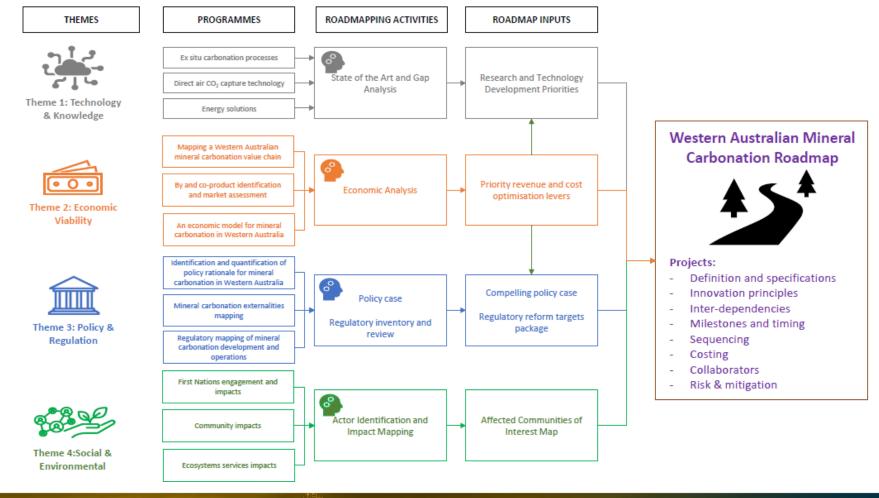
**CC Utilisation** 



Liquid CO2

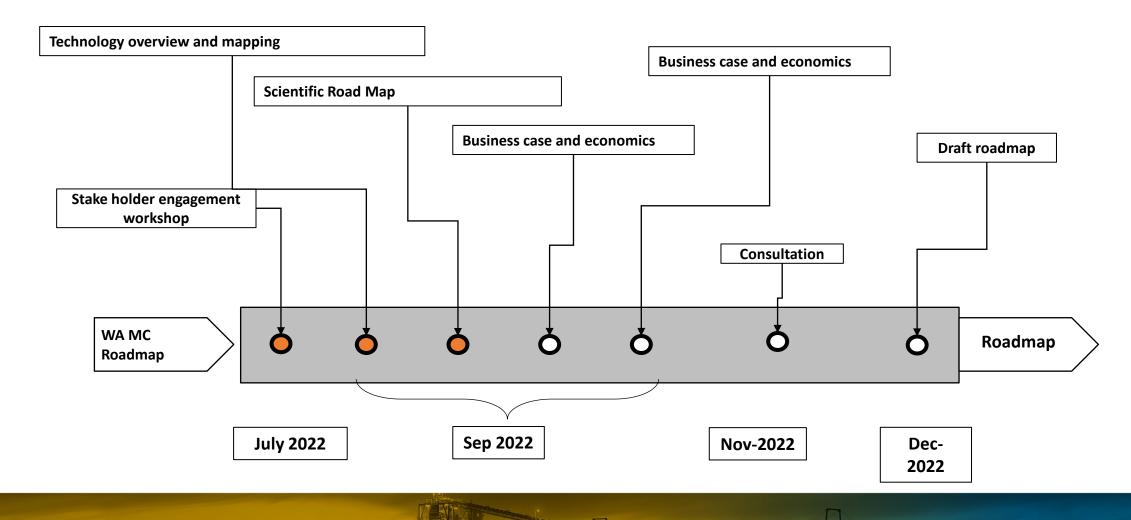


### **Areas of Collaboration**





## **Timeline to completion**



## Come and join us

- Looking for multi-sector participants to share their innovative ideas, concerns and passion
- Holding a series of thematic workshops to identify the best pathway forward to industrialising CO<sub>2</sub> at scale
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## Tell us where you want to help



