






PAYDIRT'S 2026
CRITICAL
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CONFERENCE
 Perth, Western Australia

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME DAY ONE

Tuesday 21 April 2026

08.00 **Arrival, tea, coffee and Conference Registration**






SESSION ONE:

09.00	Welcome: Bill Repard , <i>Executive Chairman</i> , Paydirt Media Pty Ltd (5)	
09.05	Government of Western Australia - Hon. David Michael MLA , <i>Minister for Mines & Petroleum</i> , WA Government (15)	
09.20	Delta Lithium Ltd - James Croser , <i>Managing Director</i> (15)	
09.35	CRU Group - Xiaowei Mei , <i>Lead, Battery Value Chain Service</i> (15)	
09.50	Panel discussion – Fully Recharged: WA's lithium future (45) Ryan Hair (Liontown Resources), James Croser (Delta Lithium), Rob Carruthers (ILiA)	
10.35	Questions (5)	
10.40	Morning Tea , Exhibition Area, sponsored by CRU Group	

SESSION TWO:

11.00	Government of France - Patrick Fullenwarth , <i>International cooperation officer - Critical minerals</i> (15)	
11.15	Vulcan Energy Resources Ltd - Francis Wedin , <i>Executive Chairman</i> (15)	
11.30	European Metals Holdings Ltd - Keith Coughlan , <i>Executive Chairman</i> (15)	
11.45	Neometals Ltd - Chris Reed , <i>Managing Director</i> (15)	
12.00	International Lithium Association (ILiA) - Rob Carruthers , <i>Executive Director</i> (15)	
12.15	Panel – Critical Partnerships: Australia-Europe minerals agreements in the Free Trade era (45) Patrick Fullenwarth (Government of France), Francis Wedin (Vulcan Energy Resources), Keith Coughlan (European Metals Holdings)	
13.00	Questions (5)	
13.05	Lunch , Exhibition Area	

SESSION THREE:

14.05	Tianqi Lithium - Fireside chat with Raj Surendren , <i>Chief Executive</i> (15)	
14.20	Harena Rare Earths Plc - Allan Mulligan , <i>Executive Director</i> (15)	
14.35	Belararox Ltd - Will Dix , <i>Chief Executive</i> (15)	
14.50	Galan Lithium Ltd - JP Vargas de la Vega , <i>Managing Director</i> (15)	
15.05	Viridis Mining and Minerals Ltd - Ross Forzatti , <i>Chief Operating Officer</i> (15)	
15.20	Panel – Three to Tango: Australia's place in the new Latin America (45) JP Vargas de la Vega (Galan Lithium), Will Dix (Belararox), Ross Forzatti (Viridis Mining and Minerals), Elliot Luke (Clifford Chance)	
16.05	Questions (5)	
16.10	Networking drinks , Exhibition Area	

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Wednesday 22 April 2026

08.00 **Arrival, tea, coffee and Conference Registration**



SESSION FOUR:

09.00	US Government - Michael Clausen , <i>Economic Counsellor</i> (15)	
09.15	UK Government - Jennifer Cole , <i>Minister Counsellor</i> (15)	
09.30	Geological Survey of Western Australia (GSWA) - Speaker TBC (15)	
09.45	Project Blue - Luke Allum , <i>Senior Analyst</i> (15)	
10.00	Climate Energy Finance (CEF) - Tim Buckley , <i>Founder and Director</i> (15)	
10.15	Ardea Resources Ltd - Andrew Penkethman , <i>Managing Director</i> (15)	
10.30	Panel – Security Certainty: Old alliances with new ideas (45) Michael Clausen (US Government), Jennifer Cole (UK Government), Andrew Penkethman (Ardea Resources), Luke Allum (Project Blue)	
11.15	Questions (5)	
11.20	Global Lithium Resources Ltd - Dianmin Chen , <i>Managing Director</i> (15)	
11.35	Kingsland Minerals Ltd - Richard Maddocks , <i>Managing Director</i> (15)	
11.50	Morning Tea , Exhibition Area	

SESSION FIVE:

12.00	Government of Indonesia - H.E. Ambassador Siswo Pramono (15)	
12.15	Australian Vanadium Ltd - Graham Arvidson , <i>Chief Executive</i> (15)	
12.30	AMEC - Warren Pearce , <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> (15)	
12.45	Critical Minerals Association - Namali Mackay , <i>Chief Executive</i> (15)	
13.00	Amira Global - Silvia Black , <i>Senior Program Manager</i> (15)	
13.15	Panel – Downstream Realities: Going it alone but working together (45) Graham Arvindson (Australia Vanadium), Namali Mackay (Critical Minerals Association), Tim Buckley (Climate Energy Finance)	
14.00	Questions (5)	
14.05	Lunch , Exhibition Area	

SESSION SIX:

15.05	Lindian Resources Ltd - Zac Komur , <i>Executive Director</i> (15)	
15.20	Alara Resources Ltd - Peter Lee , <i>Chairman</i> (15)	
15.35	Speaker – TBC (15)	
15.50	Questions (5)	
15.55	Networking drinks , Exhibition Area	

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