

PAYDIRT'S 2026  
**CRITICAL**  
 BATTERY  
**MINERALS**  
**CONFERENCE**  
 Perth, Western Australia

**PROGRAMME DAY ONE**

**Tuesday 21 April 2026**

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

**SESSION ONE: Chair: Liam Twigger, Deputy Chairman, Argonaut**

09.00 **Welcome: Bill Repard, Executive Chairman, Paydirt Media Pty Ltd (5)**



09.05 **Government of Western Australia - Hon. David Michael MLA, Minister for Mines & Petroleum, WA Government (15)**



09.20 **Delta Lithium Ltd - James Croser, Managing Director (15)**



09.35 **CRU Group - Jason Needham, Principal Consultant (15)**



09.50 **Panel discussion – Fully Recharged: WA's lithium future (45)**  
**Ryan Hair** (Liontown Resources), **James Croser** (Delta Lithium), **Anand Sheth** (ILiA)

10.35 **Questions (5)**

10.40 **Morning Tea, Exhibition Area, sponsored by CRU Group**



**SESSION TWO: Chair: Jason Needham, Principal Consultant, CRU Group**

11.00 **Government of France - Patrick Fullenwarth, International cooperation officer - Critical minerals (15)**



11.15 **Vulcan Energy Resources Ltd - Francis Wedin, Executive Chairman (15)**



11.30 **European Metals Holdings Ltd - Keith Coughlan, Executive Chairman (15)**



11.45 **Neometals Ltd - Darren Townsend, Chief Operating Officer (15)**



12.00 **International Lithium Association (ILiA) - Rob Carruthers, Executive Director (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), **Simon Salter** (Critical Minerals Association, Australia)

13.00 **Questions (5)**

13.05 **Lunch, Exhibition Area**

**SESSION THREE: Chair: Elliot Luke, Partner, Clifford Chance**

14.05 **Tianqi Lithium - Fireside chat with Raj Surendren, Chief Executive (15)**



14.20 **Harena Rare Earths Plc - Allan Mulligan, Executive Director (15)**



14.35 **Belararox Ltd - Will Dix, Chief Executive (15)**



14.50 **Galan Lithium Ltd - JP Vargas de la Vega, Managing Director (15)**



15.05 **Viridis Mining and Minerals Ltd - Ross Forzatti, Chief Operating Officer (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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PROGRAMME DAY TWO

Wednesday 22 April 2026

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



**SESSION FOUR: Chair: Michael Cairnduff, Director, Purple**

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

**SESSION FIVE: Chair: Jeff Hart, Government Relations Adviser, Paydirt Media Pty Ltd**

11.45	<b>Government of Indonesia - H.E. Ambassador Siswo Pramono</b> (15)	
12.00	<b>Australian Vanadium Ltd - Graham Arvidson</b> , <i>Chief Executive</i> (15)	
12.15	<b>AMEC - Sash Pavic</b> , <i>Director, Commonwealth</i> (15)	
12.30	<b>Critical Minerals Association Australia - Simon Salter</b> , <i>WA Representative</i> (15)	
12.45	<b>Amira Global - Silvia Black</b> , <i>Senior Program Manager</i> (15)	
13.00	<b>Panel – Downstream Realities: Going it alone but working together</b> (45) <b>Graham Arvindson</b> (Australian Vanadium), <b>Tim Buckley</b> (Climate Energy Finance), <b>Sash Pavić</b> (AMEC)	
13.45	<b>Questions</b> (5)	
13.50	<b>Lunch</b> , Exhibition Area	

**SESSION SIX: Chair: Simon Salter, Critical Minerals Association Australia**

14.50	<b>Lindian Resources Ltd - Zac Komur</b> , <i>Executive Director</i> (15)	
15.05	<b>Alara Resources Ltd - Peter Lee</b> , <i>Chairman</i> (15)	
15.20	<b>Questions</b> (5)	
15.25	<b>Networking drinks</b> , Exhibition Area	