

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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## STRATEGIC RESET AND PORTFOLIO SIMPLIFICATION TO GOLD AND COPPER FOCUS WITH MT TURNER FLAGSHIP

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Strategic reset to a focused, gold-led Australian exploration and development company
- Wholly owned Mt Turner Project established as flagship asset and primary value driver
- Large-scale gold system at Mt Turner with ~14km strike and strong initial drilling results
- Disciplined capital allocation with prioritisation to Mt Turner Gold Project
- Copper retained as strategic growth exposure to medium-long-term electrification demand
- Non-core lithium portfolio to be divested or partnered in a disciplined manner to maximise shareholder value
- Portfolio simplification to enhance focus, capital efficiency and valuation clarity
- Accelerated exploration and drilling planned at Mt Turner with further updates to follow

**Lightning Minerals Limited (ASX: L1M or "the Company")** is pleased to announce a strategic reset to reposition the Company as a focused Australian gold-led exploration and development company, with copper retained as a strategic growth focus, supported by ongoing project evaluation, and its non-core lithium portfolio to be divested or partnered in a disciplined manner to maximise shareholder value.

The strategy has been approved by the Board following a comprehensive review of the Company's portfolio, capital allocation and prevailing market conditions.

**Chief Executive Officer Troy Brice commented:**

*“Following a comprehensive review of our portfolio and a deep assessment of where we see the strongest short-medium-term opportunities for value creation, it became clear that a focused, gold-led Australian strategy is the right direction for Lightning Minerals.*

*Mt Turner stands out as a genuine flagship asset with a clear pathway to value creation, and we are excited to accelerate our efforts there while continuing to build a high-quality pipeline across Tier 1 jurisdictions.*

*We also see a compelling long-term outlook for both gold and copper, and this reset positions the Company to benefit from those favourable market dynamics through a disciplined and focused approach.*

*While lithium is no longer a strategic priority, we will take a considered and flexible approach to unlocking value from those assets for shareholders.”*

**Non-Executive Chairman David Vilensky commented:**

*“Following the recent appointment of Troy Brice as CEO, a thorough review of the Company’s portfolio and strategic direction has been undertaken, and the Board is fully supportive of this reset. We believe a simplified, gold-led Australian strategy, anchored by the Company’s wholly owned Mt Turner Project, provides the clearest pathway to unlocking value and improving capital efficiency.*

*The Board is firmly focused on creating long-term value for shareholders and believes this reset provides a clear and disciplined pathway to achieving that outcome.”*

**Strategic Repositioning**

The Company will adopt a simplified, Australia-focused strategy, aligning its asset base and investment approach with long-term value creation objectives.

This repositioning reflects:

- A rapidly evolving global economic and geopolitical environment
- The importance of Tier 1 mining jurisdictions
- Diverging commodity cycles across gold, copper and lithium
- Establishing a depth of gold and copper projects in Australia
- A commitment to disciplined capital allocation

The Board believes this strategic reset establishes a clear and focused platform to drive strong near- and long-term shareholder value creation.

## Gold-Led Strategy

Under the new strategy, Lightning Minerals will adopt a structured commodity focus:

- Gold - Primary focus (overweight): Near-term value driver with clear monetisation pathways
- Copper - Strategic growth (overweight): Exposure to structural demand from electrification
- Lithium - non-core, to be divested or partnered in a disciplined manner

This approach prioritises disciplined capital allocation and reflects the Company's conviction in the medium- to long-term outlook for gold and copper, supported by favourable supply and demand dynamics.

## Flagship Focus - Mt Turner Gold Project

The wholly owned Mt Turner Project in northern Queensland acquired in July 2025 will be the Company's flagship asset and primary value driver.

Located within the Georgetown Inlier, Mt Turner hosts a large-scale gold system along the Drummer Fault, a mineralised corridor extending approximately 14km, with approximately 12km of known mineralisation.

Initial drilling has delivered strong results, with 100% of holes intersecting mineralisation, including 20.4m @ 2.4g/t Au (including 1.9m @ 10.5g/t Au), validating the Company's exploration thesis (as announced 11 December 2025). The next phase of the drilling campaign, which is fully funded, is scheduled to begin in May 2026, led by a highly regarded technical team with extensive experience in gold exploration and the Georgetown region.

The project represents a target-rich system with district-scale potential, supported by multiple priority targets and rock chip results of up to 21.9g/t Au (as announced 11 December 2025).

Mt Turner also demonstrates multi-commodity potential, including copper and base metals, providing longer-term upside. The Company's neighbouring Warby Scardon Project represents potential for the development as a complementary asset, supporting scale and strengthening the Company's regional presence.

Importantly, the Mt Turner project benefits from strong brownfields characteristics and access to regional infrastructure, supporting a potential low-capex "haul-and-treat" accelerated development pathway.

The Board will direct the majority of capital toward advancing Mt Turner and progressing toward resource definition.

## Portfolio Optimisation and Growth

The Company will:

- Build and expand its Australian gold and copper pipeline, supported by ongoing project evaluation
- Advance its wholly owned Lachlan Fold Belt projects in NSW and the Mailman Hill Project in the Eastern Goldfields of WA through targeted exploration programs
- Focus on opportunities with clear development pathways

The portfolio will be structured across three tiers:

- Tier 1: Mt Turner / Georgetown gold
- Tier 2: Australian gold and copper growth pipeline
- Tier 3: Lithium assets to be divested or partnered

## Lithium Strategy

Lithium assets will no longer be a core focus.

The Board is progressing pathways to divest or partner its lithium portfolio across Australia, Brazil and Canada, including farm-outs, joint ventures or asset sales.

This approach is intended to maximise value outcomes for shareholders while removing ongoing funding requirements.

## Positioned for Value Creation

The strategy reset positions Lightning Minerals to:

- Deliver value through disciplined execution and focused investment in high-demand commodities aligned with long-term market fundamentals
- Simplify its portfolio to enhance focus and valuation clarity
- Position its wholly owned Mt Turner project as the flagship asset and primary value driver
- Build a focused platform for sustained growth

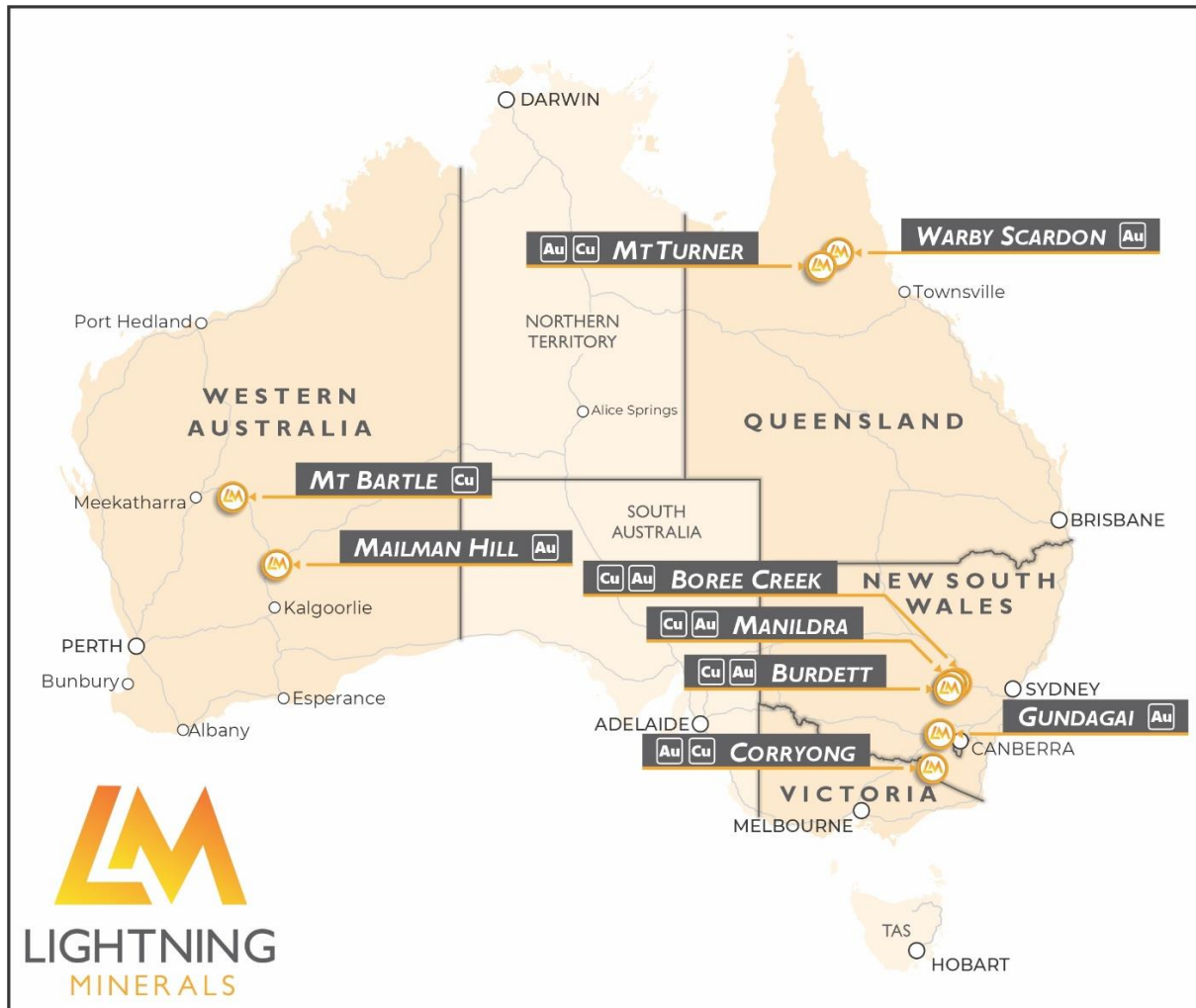
Key drivers include:

- Ongoing drilling results at Mt Turner
- Progress toward resource definition
- Pipeline development of NSW and WA gold/copper assets
- Lithium divestment or partnership outcomes

## Next Steps

The Company will provide further updates on:

- Commencement of the next drilling campaign at Mt Turner in May 2026
- Lithium divestment or partnership progress
- Expansion of the Australian project pipeline



**Figure 1: Location of Lightning Minerals Australian Gold and Copper Projects**

## Ends

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Lightning Minerals Limited.

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## About Lightning Minerals Ltd (ASX: L1M)

Lightning Minerals Limited is an Australian exploration and development company focused on advancing a portfolio of gold and copper assets in Tier 1 mining jurisdictions.

The Company's flagship asset is the wholly owned Mt Turner Gold Project in northern Queensland, which hosts a large-scale gold system extending over approximately 14km of strike along the prospective Drummer Fault. Mt Turner is the primary focus of exploration, with ongoing drilling aimed at progressing the project toward resource definition and development.

Lightning Minerals also holds a pipeline of gold and copper projects across Australia, including assets in the Lachlan Fold Belt in New South Wales and the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia, providing additional exploration upside and growth opportunities.

The Company's objective is to create long-term shareholder value through disciplined exploration, resource growth and the development of high-quality mineral assets.

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