

Battery manufacturing

Port Stephens



Location snapshot



Growing battery manufacturing ecosystem



Available industrial-zoned lands



Proximity to Port of Newcastle and Newcastle Airport



Within Hunter-Central Coast REZ and close to Central-West Orana REZ



Large and qualified workforce

Growing battery manufacturing hub

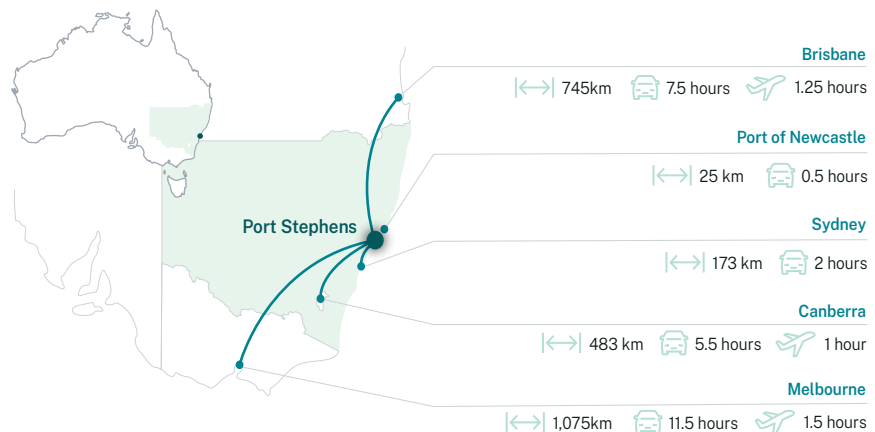
A growing number of battery manufacturers already call Port Stephens home including Energy Renaissance, 3ME and LAVO. These operators benefit from the region's comprehensive transport network and sophisticated manufacturing ecosystem, providing companies in Port Stephens with a global competitive edge.

Businesses can also take advantage of the research and networks created by the Newcastle Institute of Energy and Resources (NIER) and CSIRO Energy Centre, while also tapping into a vast workforce trained in heavy and high-tech industries.

Connected

Port Stephens is only 2 hours from Sydney by road and is immediately north of Newcastle. The location just off the Pacific Highway – which connects Brisbane and Sydney – ensures strong road connectivity, and the Main North Railway Line provides excellent passenger and freight rail connections.

The region is home to Newcastle Airport, and provides daily flights to Australia's major markets. This, coupled with the nearby Port of Newcastle (largest bulk shipping port on the Australian East Coast), ensures the region is truly an international trade gateway.



About Port Stephens



>\$5 billion

annual value of manufacturing output



185,000

strong workforce within 1-hour drive



2 hours

north of Sydney by road

Choice of location

Port Stephens has a range of industrial land, depending on the requirements of your business. Key industrial land is provided at Heatherbrae and Tomago, where vacant and infill E4 General Industrial zoned sites are available.

Serviced industrial and commercial land close to Newcastle Airport is also available, including office and industrial build-to-spec options for lease.

Workforce

A large workforce of 185,000 resides within a 1-hour drive of Port Stephens. This workforce specialises in manufacturing, with nearly 11,000 workers employed across the sector. Furthermore, globally-ranked University of Newcastle provides a strong graduate pipeline of 35,000 students.

Also helping to feed this future workforce pipeline is the Port Stephens P-Tech program (Pathways in Technology), which provides pathways for students into advanced manufacturing, mechanical engineering and aviation.

Industry outlook

Australia boasts more operational big batteries per capita than either China or the United States. While New South Wales has unique mineral endowments related to battery manufacturing, including cobalt, copper and nickel, Australia currently only captures 0.53 percent of the battery manufacturing value chain.

As global battery cell production increases from 632 GWh to over 2900 GWh between 2020-30, there is strong potential to capture more of the battery manufacturing value chain in NSW.

Enviably lifestyle

From powder-soft sands to turquoise waters, Port Stephens' picturesque location is complemented by world-class health and education facilities, and a flourishing food, arts and culture scene.

The liveability of Port Stephens provides a competitive edge for businesses when recruiting highly skilled staff, who can enjoy an enviable lifestyle just a short drive from Sydney and a short flight from Brisbane and Melbourne.



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