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Turning Coal Mine Waste into Agricultural Gold

A sustainable solution for New South Wales' mining legacy and agricultural future. Our innovative technology transforms environmental challenges into economic opportunities.

The Challenge & Opportunity

Current Challenges

- 500 million tonnes of coal mine tailings require remediation
- Agricultural land degradation across NSW needs 540 million tonnes of recarbonation of top soil
- \$5 billion spent on imported synthetic fertilizers
- Rural economic decline in mining regions

Our Solution

- Convert mining waste into valuable soil conditioner
- Revitalize regional economies with new jobs
- Create sovereign supply chain for agriculture
- Deliver significant environmental benefits



Investment & Job Creation



Total Investment

Initial capital to establish operations across NSW

80

Direct Jobs 30 operational staff + 50 head office roles

100+

Logistics Jobs

Transportation and distribution network



Indirect Jobs

Supporting businesses and services



Our Ready Partners

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3 Coal Mining Companies

Committed to providing waste materials and plant sites

Multiple Local Councils

Ready to facilitate operations and provide regulatory support

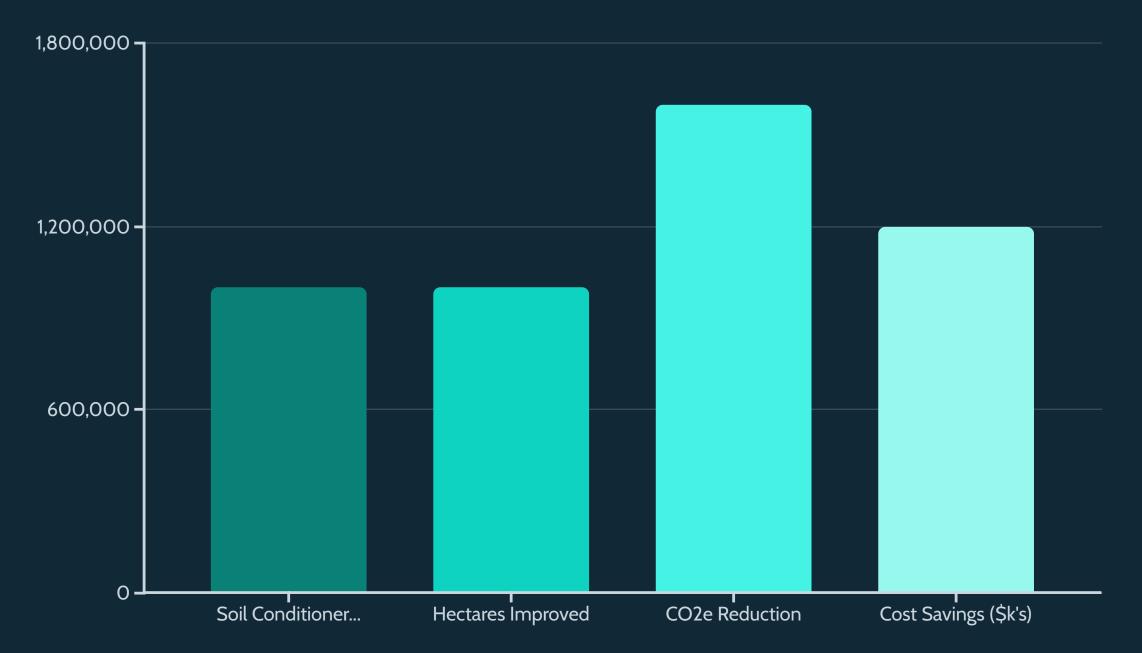
Agricultural Partners

Eager to implement soil conditioner across NSW farmland

Logistics Networks

Prepared to transport materials efficiently throughout the state

Agricultural Impact (Millions)



Our technology delivers transformative agricultural benefits across one million hectares of NSW farmland annually.

Soil Health Benefits

Increased Soil Organic Carbon

Improves soil structure and water retention

Increased Crop Yields

Enhances productivity and farmer profitability



Enhanced Water Efficiency

Reduces drought vulnerability and irrigation needs

Improved Microbial Activity

Boosts nutrient cycling and plant health

Environmental Benefits

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Climate Impact

1.6 million tonnes CO₂ emissions reduced annually

Water Protection

Eliminates fertilizer runoff into NSW waterways

Waste Reduction

1 million tonnes of mine tailings repurposed yearly

Land Reclamation

Mine sites remediated for future development



Carbon Emission Reduction Equivalents

347,800 Cars Annual emissions from passenger vehicles removed from roads 210,500 Homes

Yearly household electricity usage offset 26.5 Million Trees

Carbon sequestration equivalent in forest plantings

Our annual 1.6 million tonne CO₂ reduction represents significant progress toward NSW climate goals.



FOGO Waste Opportunity

Current NSW FOGO Challenge

- Over 900,000 tonnes of national residential FOGO waste generated annually
- We can divert 100,000 tonnes to our facilities

Economic Opportunity

- \$350 per tonne value from diverted FOGO
- \$35 million potential annual savings
- Complementary input for our soil conditioner

Integration Benefits

- Enhanced soil conditioner quality
- Reduced methane emissions from landfills
- Complete circular economy solution

Economic Impact

	\$500M Annual Revenue Direct business revenue from operations				
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		Regional Business Growth Support for local businesses and services			
			Housing Pressure Relief Residents remain in regional communities		

Workforce Transformation

Skills Assessment

Identify transferable skills from mining sector workers. Build personalized development plans for career transition.

Specialized Training

Partner with TAFE NSW for targeted green technology programs. Provide hands-on experience with our proprietary technology.

New Career Pathways

Create jobs across operations, logistics, and administration. Establish advancement opportunities within green industries.



The Investment Opportunity

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\$40M Government Grant

Seed funding to establish initial operations

Two Processing Plants

Strategically located facilities in mining regions on existing sites

Rapid Scale-Up

Self Sustaining expansion capability to address more waste tonnage

Long-Term Partnership

Creating sustainable jobs and environmental benefits

Join us in transforming NSW's environmental challenges into economic opportunities. A smart investment in our state's future.

