

Pathways for decarbonising Australia's aluminium industry – from mine to market

From mine to metal, growing regional Australia for over 65 years

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Mine to Metal Process



102 MT:

65 MT

Domestic consumption

37 MT **Export** 21 MT:

3 MT

Domestic consumption

18 MT Export 1.6 MT:

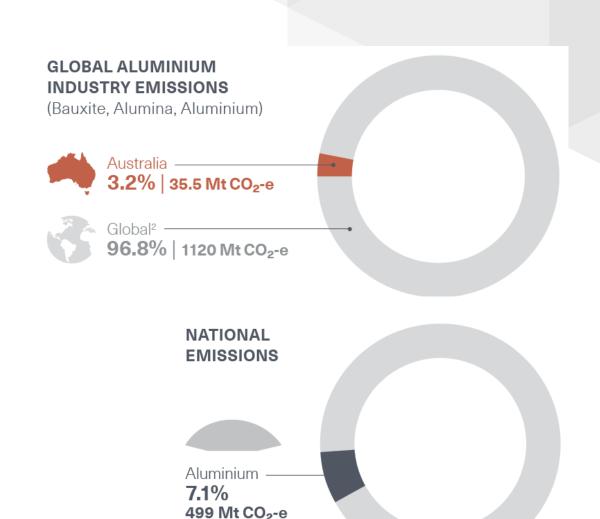
0.2 MT

Domestic consumption

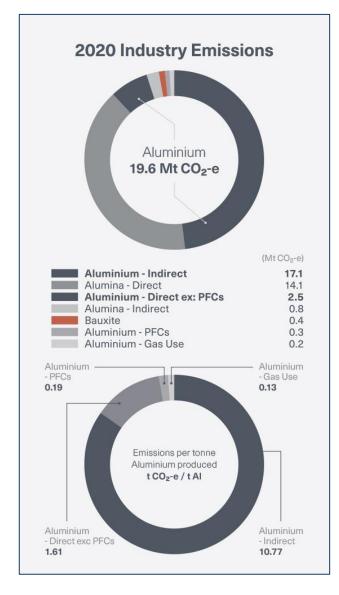
1.4 MT **Export**

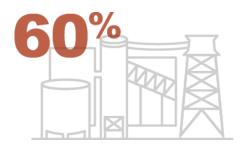
Global Demand

- Current global demand for aluminium is approximately 95 million tonnes per year.
 - This is met through ⅔ primary aluminium and ⅓ from recycled aluminium.
- International Aluminium Institute demand scenario forecasts a 40% increase in aluminium supply by 2050.
 - This will be met through 50:50 primary:recycled aluminium.
- The World Bank's 2020 "Mineral Intensity of Clean Energy Report" Transition identifies aluminium as critical across renewable energy generation and storage.
- The industry has a global certification scheme –
 Aluminium Stewardship Initiative
 (https://aluminium-stewardship.org/)



Emissions: Industry Facts





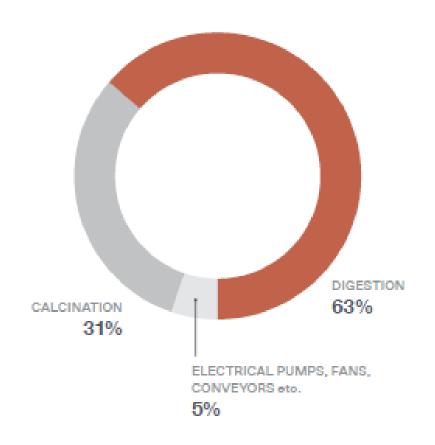
- Aluminium smelting accounts for almost 60% of these emissions.
- Indirect emissions associated with electricity used in aluminium smelting which accounts for almost half total emissions at 17Mt.



- While the industry continues to invest in emission reduction technologies,. the greatest decarbonisation impact rests in decarbonising the Australian grid
- Low cost, low carbon electricity will support electrification of alumina refineries.

Alumina – Partnering to Reduce Emissions Through Technology

Energy Use (GJ / t)





Electrification



Alternate Energy







Solar Thermal



Hydrogen