

UQ Winter Research Project Description

Project title:	Looking at coal trade behaviour during the early 2020s during the Chinese ban on importing Australian coal
Hours of engagement & delivery mode	<p>For the Winter program, students will be engaged for 4 weeks only.</p> <p>Hours of engagement must be between 20 – 36 hrs per week and must fall within the official program dates (30 June – 25 July 2025).</p> <p>The Project will be offered on-site or a hybrid of on-site and remote.</p>
Description:	<p>Many commodities are traded globally – such as base metals, crude oil, thermal and metallurgical coal, and LNG. Australia is a major exporter of coal, iron ore and LNG.</p> <p>In the early 2020s China implemented a non-official ban on the import of Australian coal. This project looks at impacts on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total consumption of coal in China and other importing countries, 2. Domestic production changes in China – if relevant, 3. Other coal exporters in terms of exports to China, 4. Coal prices, 5. Total shipped distance of coal volumes, 6. Other considerations relevant to energy security and decarbonisation. <p>And seeks to put these findings in context of other commodities, and LNG in particular. Importantly looking at what impact the supply, or otherwise, of Australian coal to international markets impacts those markets.</p> <p>Background: https://public.axsmarine.com/blog/how-australia-adjusted-coal-exports-to-china-import-ban</p>
Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:	<p><i>Learning outcomes: research skills in commodity markets, improved familiarity with global commodity markets, an understanding of geopolitical implications for global trade, and other research skills.</i></p> <p><i>Deliverables will include written and/or powerpoint report of findings.</i></p>
Suitable for:	<i>This project could be completed by a wide variety of majors from business, law, economics, engineering, or science disciplines.</i>
Primary Supervisor:	Prof David Close
Further info:	<p>If you would like applicants to contact your unit for further information, please provide the relevant contact details here.</p> <p>If this project is of interest please apply.</p>