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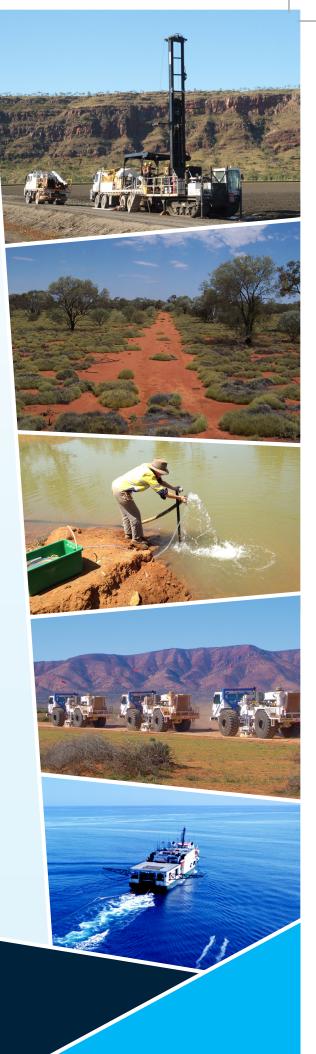
One of Geoscience Australia's key priorities is leading the **Exploring for the Future** program to identify potential resources across northern Australia. This includes:

- ► Minerals: identifying areas with the greatest potential for various mineral deposits
- ► Energy: exploring sedimentary basins to better understand the potential for oil and gas resources
- ► **Groundwater:** assessing the location, quantity and quality of potential groundwater resources.

This \$100.5 million Australian Government initiative will deliver new pre-competitive data and information in areas where the resource potential is poorly known. This will enable industry to explore and invest in Australia with confidence, and inform policy and planning decisions within government.

Geoscience Australia has already collected a range of valuable data across northern Australia and parts of South Australia, in collaboration with state and territory partners. By 2020, the Exploring for the Future program will provide publicly available information that gives a holistic picture of the potential mineral, energy and groundwater resources available in those regions.

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