



Australian Government

**Department of Industry
Tourism and Resources**

Developments in Australia's Mineral Policy

Australian Mineral Exploration Investment Seminar, Tokyo

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Uranium

- Growing public concern about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change
- Global growth in uranium demand provides a timely opportunity for the Australian uranium industry.
- Reports:
 - *Uranium Industry Framework (UIF)*;
 - *House of Representatives Inquiry into developing Australia's non fossil fuel energy sources - uranium case study*; and
 - *Uranium Mining, Processing and Nuclear Energy Review*.
- UIF Implementation Group
- Australian Uranium Association
- Denial of shipping



Pre-Competitive Geoscience Data

- Announcement for Geoscience Australia funding
- \$58.9 million over 5 years announced on 14 August 2006
- Apply the latest developments in geophysical imaging and mapping technologies:
 - *Seismic*
 - *Airborne electromagnetics*
 - *Radiometrics*
- State Governments have also increased funding





Leading Practice Sustainable Development Program

- Sustainable Development - social, economic and environmental
- 14 themed handbooks – 7 completed to date:
 - Community Engagement & Development
 - Mine Rehabilitation
 - Mine Closure & Completion
 - Stewardship
 - Biodiversity Management
 - Managing Acid and Metalliferous Drainage
 - Tailings Management
- Available for download from: www.industry.gov.au/sdmining
- 4 themes available in Chinese, Indonesian, Spanish & Vietnamese





APEC 2007 - MRM3 Outcomes

- Held in Perth, Western Australia - 12 – 16 February 2007
- 19 of the 21 APEC economies represented - attended by 300 delegates
- Agreement by Ministers to:
 - *10 APEC Mining Policy Principles;*
 - *Study on the impediments to greater trade and barriers to investment in the minerals and mining industry*
 - *Report for submission to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) in 2010*
 - *A proposal to put forward to APEC Senior Officials in June 2007 for the establishment of a Mining Working Group to be chaired by the Russian Federation for 2007-2008.*

