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# EXPLORATION & TENURES FORUM

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# EXPLORATION & TENURES FORUM 2026



A platform to discuss successful exploration and development projects in NSW.

The Exploration & Tenures Forum brings together professionals from the NSW exploration sector for a focused program on successful exploration and development projects in the region.

The event offers a unique opportunity to hear from the NSW Government about the latest policy and regulatory updates, as well as insights from industry practitioners, academics, and specialist consultants on key issues such as land access, community consultation, and best practices in exploration.

Additionally, the forum provides a great opportunity to network with industry peers, attracting chief executives, exploration managers, titles managers, community and approvals professionals, field staff, and consultants, representing both junior exploration companies and multinational operators.



InterContinental Sydney  
16 Phillip St, Sydney, Boronia Ballroom

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# Exploration & Tenures Forum 2026

ARRIVAL

10.00am – 11.00am

## REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

Make your way to L2, Boronia Ballroom

Enjoy morning tea and barista coffee to energize you for the day's content. Join us at 10am for an hour of networking before the event.

WELCOME

11.00am – 11.15am



### TULLY MATTHEWS

Policy Manager, NSW Minerals Council  
NSW Minerals Council Update



### DAVID SALIM

CEO & Principal Solicitor, Hetherington  
Sponsor Welcome Address

SESSION 1: CASE STUDIES & EXPERT INSIGHTS

11.15am – 11.35am

**CHAIR:** JANE YELLAND

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### TODD MCGILVRAY

Group Manager – Exploration, Aurelia Metals  
Carbon Farming and Exploration; Clash or Coexistence?



### SAMANTHA DALY

Partner, Johnson Winter Slattery  
Carbon Farming and Exploration; Clash or Coexistence?



**JEMIMA MOFFAT**

Assistant Manager, Hetherington

Land Access Case Studies and Tips for Success.



**BLAKE LARTER**

Chief Geologist, First Tin – Taronga Mines

Exploration and Mine Approvals for the Taronga Tin Deposit.



**PETER DUERDEN**

Managing Director, Waratah Minerals

The Spur Gold Discovery and Pathway to Development.

LUNCH BREAK

12.35pm – 1.35pm

SESSION 2: CASE STUDIES & EXPERT INSIGHTS

1.35pm – 2.55pm

**CHAIR: ROSIE SLOAN**  
Iluka



**CHRIS RAYMOND**

Regional Exploration Manager (NSW), Aeris Resources

An Update on Tritton Operations and Bringing Constellation Deposit into Production.



**SPEAKER UPDATE**

Coming Soon



**JO BATTERSHILL**

Managing Director, Silver Mines

Land Access, Planning System, Bowdens Approvals.



### **FERGUS KILEY**

Managing Director, Mount Hope Mining

Why NSW? The Pathway from Exploration Success to Low Capex, High-Grade Mine

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

2.55pm – 3.15pm

SESSION 3: GOVERNMENT UPDATES

3.15pm – 4.55pm

**CHAIR: THOMAS HOLZ**  
Bloomfield Group



### **GEORGINA BEATTIE**

Deputy Secretary, NSW Resources

Updates from NSW Resources.



### **MEAGAN MCCOOL**

Chief Regulatory Officer, Mining Act Inspectorate,  
NSW Resources Regulator

Mining Act and NSW Resources Regulator Updates.



### **JOHN SEIDEL**

Director, Assurance & Biodiversity Stewardship  
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Environmental Assessment of Exploration Projects and Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements.



### **ALEX WHITESIDE**

Inspector of Mines, NSW Resources Regulator

Safety in Exploration – Audit Findings and Recommendations.



### **SIMA WILLIAMSON**

Director Strategic Assessments, NSW Resources

Land Access: Process and Trends in Mediation and Arbitration.

**GUEST SPEAKER: THE HON. COURTNEY HOUSSOS, MLC**

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Join us for a drink and light refreshments, whilst networking with your industry colleagues.

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