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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

NSWMC member ticket
\$210 inc GST

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\$310 inc GST

Speaker ticket
\$110 inc GST

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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 – 12.35pm

CHAIR: JANE YELLAND
Peel Mining



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 Resources



CHRIS RAYMOND

Regional Exploration Manager (NSW), Aeris Resources

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



ROB TYSON

General Manager – Exploration, Peel Mining

The Peel Mining Story



JANE YELLAND

Manager Environment, Social & Sustainability – Peel Mining

The Peel Mining Story



GLEN DIEMAR

Managing Director, Australian Gold & Copper

Achilles & Beyond. Unlocking Exploration Success



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



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.

NETWORKING DRINKS

5.00pm – 6.30pm



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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Current gold production is from Tomingley Gold Operations, an open pit and underground gold mine southwest of Dubbo with extensive resources. Alkane continues to advance gold exploration projects in the tenement areas around Tomingley.

Alkane's Boda-Kaiser Project, located north of Wellington, is founded on two large, gold-copper porphyry resources with potential to support a long-term, bulk-tonnage development. Ongoing regional exploration indicates it may lie within a broader gold-copper province.

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