



## The State Government has implemented a ‘no uranium’ condition on future mining leases. Projects granted State Ministerial approval by the former Government will be allowed to progress.

### **The State Government:**

- Does not support uranium mining in Western Australia and will not approve any new uranium proposals.
- Would prefer that no uranium is mined in the State, but will honour the four uranium projects which received State Ministerial approval under the previous Government.
- Will not consider Commonwealth decisions for the four projects, such as export approvals and approvals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth), as they are a matter for the Commonwealth Government.
- Recognises that exploration for minerals of all kinds is vital to jobs and economic growth in Western Australia. It is not possible to ban the discovery of uranium through exploration, as uranium may be found unintentionally when exploring for other minerals.
- Will not change the regulatory system for minerals exploration.

### **Uranium resources in WA**

- As of June 2016, Western Australia has a total known resource of 249,500 tonnes of  $\text{U}_3\text{O}_8$ .
- Four uranium mining projects received State Ministerial approval by the former Government:
  - Toro Energy Wiluna Project
  - Cameco Kintyre Project
  - Vimy Resources Mulga Rock Project
  - Cameco Yeelirrie Project.

- Australia is the third largest uranium producer in the world. In 2016, Australia exported 6316 tonnes of uranium oxide concentrate valued at \$610 million.

### **Regulation of the industry**

- Western Australia has a comprehensive legislative framework that will regulate mining in a manner that provides protection of workers, the community and the environment.
- Regulation of the industry is administered by the Department of Mines and Petroleum, the Radiological Council of Western Australia and the Department of Environment Regulation.
- The transportation of material from uranium mining sites is regulated under the *Radiation Safety Act 1975* and administered by the Radiological Council of WA.

For more information see the  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation  
and Safety website  
**[www.dmp.wa.gov.au](http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au)**