



Central Gawler Craton Workshop 2019

Exploration Tenement Activity and EL/ERA Application Process

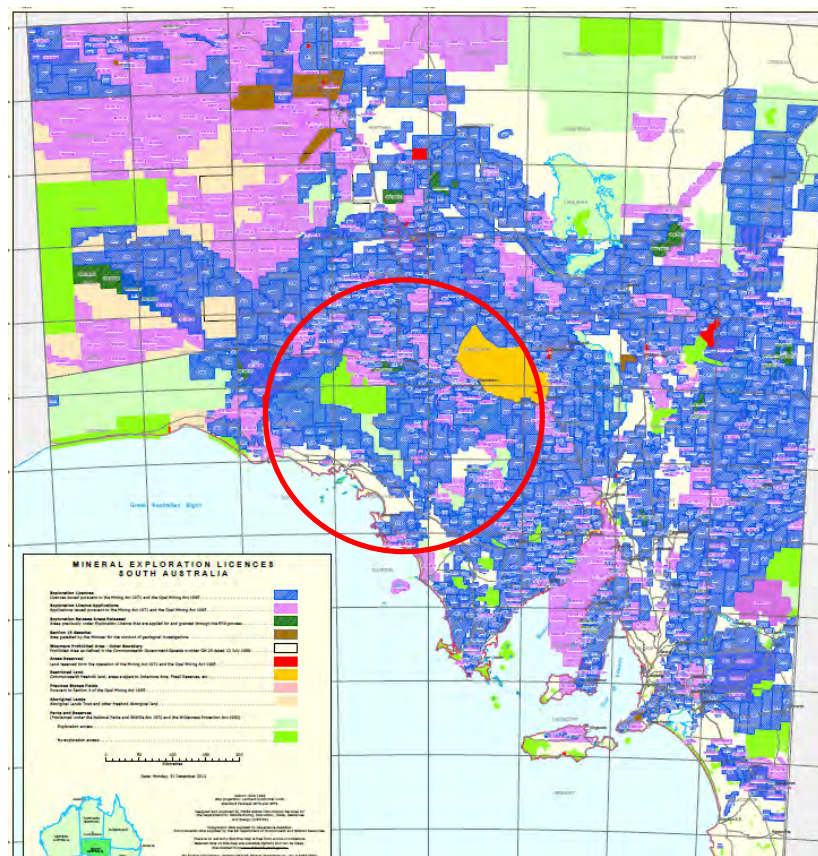
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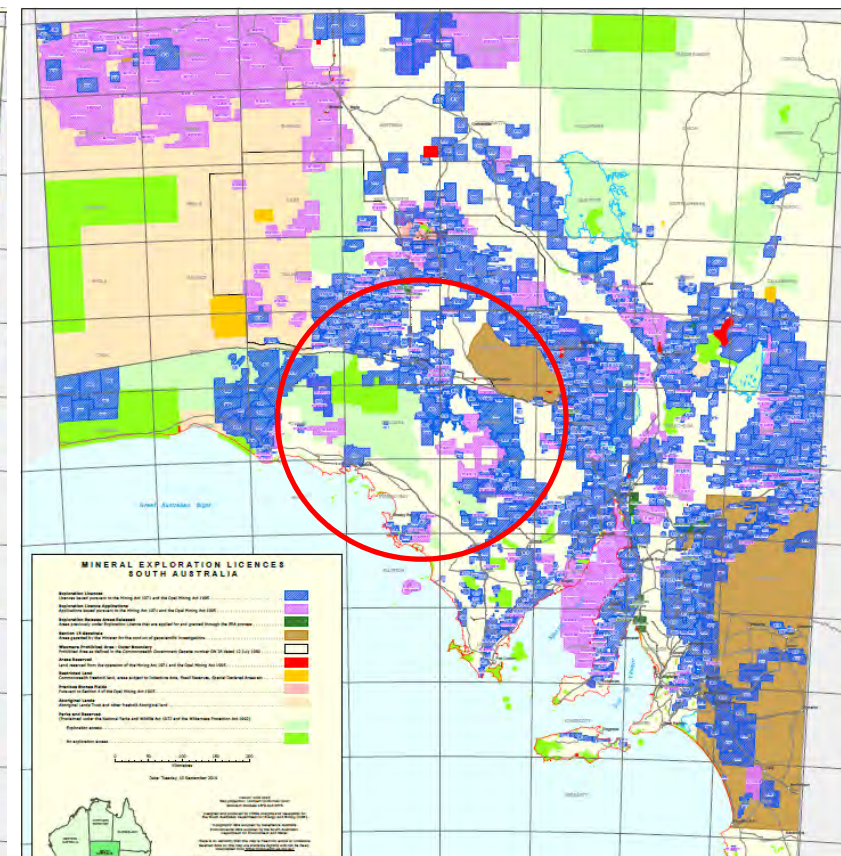
Tenement activity/coverage in SA

- Significant reduction in area covered by exploration licences and applications since 2012
- 716,769 km² (2012) to 376,707km² (2019); **53%** of 2012 coverage
- **Large reduction in Central Gawler Craton area.**

December 2012



August 2019

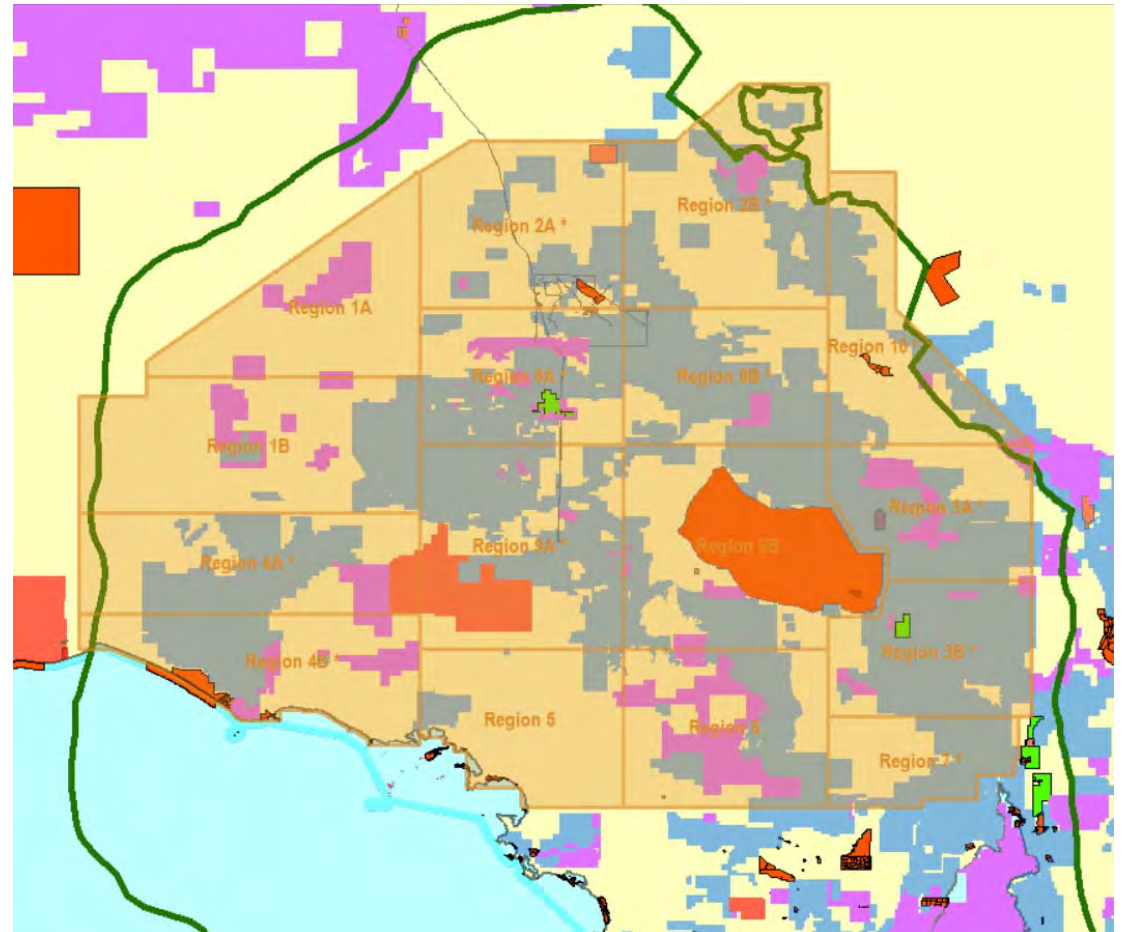


Current land status – GCAS area

Gawler Craton Airborne Survey (GCAS) Area

- Exploration licences (blue) 41%
- EL Applications (purple) 7%
- No-go areas (red) 5%
- Exploration Release Areas (green) 1%
- **VACANT LAND** (yellow) **46%**

(dark green line = Gawler Craton boundary)



Access to exploration ground

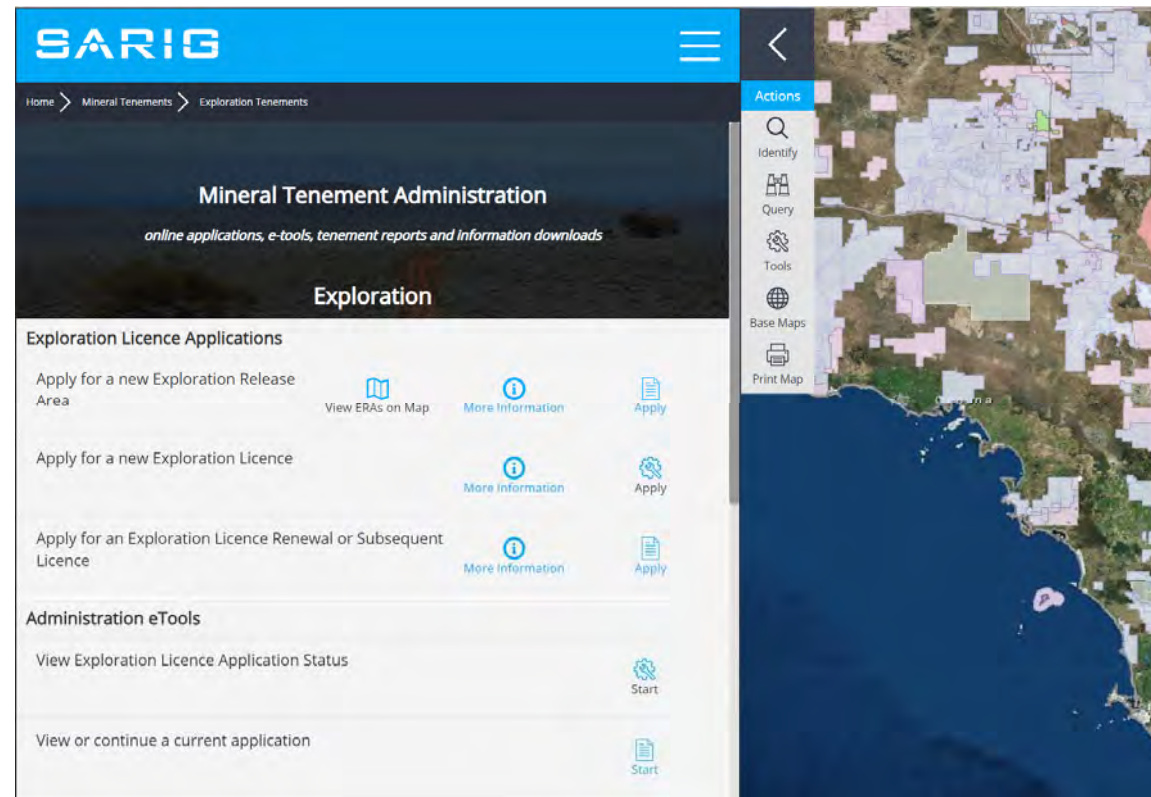
1. Vacant ground - Apply online via SARIG

2. Exploration Release Areas - Apply online via SARIG

- 713 areas released in last 5 years (av. 143 pa)
- Published assessment criteria in MG17 guideline
- See next slides: tips for success

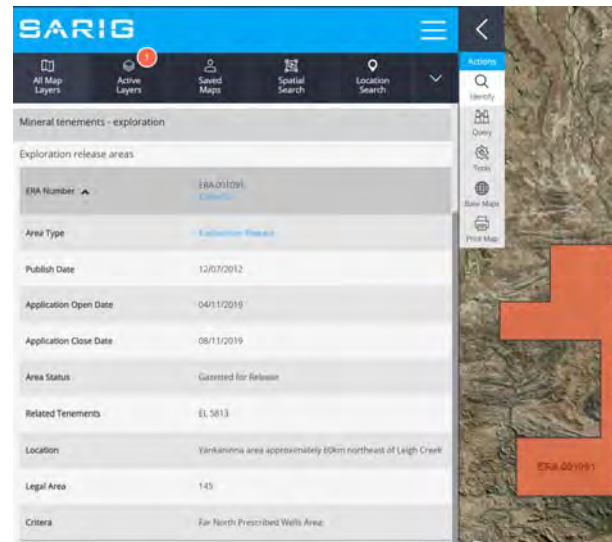
3. Granted EL's

- Consider joint ventures, exploration alliances, co-operative arrangements
- Large proportion of junior explorers in the Central Gawler Craton area – see [Information Sheet M04](#) on DEM website for contacts
- SA Mining Act discretions allow DEM to consider flexible expenditure/area reduction arrangements if in best interests of the State (in line with the State's economic growth agenda/focus on mineral discovery)



Exploration Release Area (ERA) competitive process – overview

- EL's that are expired, fully surrendered or cancelled are released as ERA's for competitive application
- ERA's are published on SARIG and DEM website ([Public Notices](#)) for a 2-3 month Moratorium Period when no applications can be made
- 1 week application period follows end of the Moratorium Period
- Application open weeks occur in the first full week of every month (except January)
- [MG17 Guideline](#) – ERA policies, procedures and assessment criteria
- DEM Assessment Panel comprising Minister's Delegate and Senior Geoscientists from GSSA and Exploration Assessment/Regulation areas
- Typical decision timeframe - 4-8 weeks



The screenshot shows the DEM website's 'Exploration release areas (ERAs)' page. It features a table with the following columns: ERA number and map, Former holder, Former Locality, Area km², Moratorium period, and Open for application dates / ERA specific criteria.

ERA number and map	Former holder	Former Locality	Area km²	Moratorium period	Open for application dates / ERA specific criteria
ERA 1089 - Download map (PDF) 2	SRBG Mining Pty Ltd	8193 Wingenona area - approx 30 km east of Port Augusta	328	09/07/2019 to 06/10/2019	07/10/2019 to 11/10/2019 Finders Development, Phase - Environmental Class B Zone
ERA 1090 - Download map (PDF) 2	Tasman Resources Ltd	5849 Arcoona area - approx. 140 km SNE of Port Augusta	149	31/07/2019 to 06/10/2019	07/10/2019 to 11/10/2019



ERA competitive process – 6 tips for success

1. Use the MG17 Guideline “Criteria to be assessed” dot points as a checklist to ensure your application covers all scored criteria

2. It’s not all about the money

- DEM places more importance/weighting on the technical strength of the application in terms of; a good understanding of the geological context/past exploration, exploration rationale, geological/mineralisation model, how the proposed work program will effectively test the model, and applicant capability/resources to effectively implement the program.
- Broad score weightings are;
 - Exploration target/model, work program (incl. expenditure) – 40%
 - Applicant capability, technical/operational resources, current SA tenure – 30%
 - Past performance, regulatory compliance, ERA specific criteria – 30%
- Minimum ERA expenditure is at the standard rate – NOT double (common misconception) – ie. the “standard rate **x2**” shown in the ERA application form and MG17 relates to the required 2-year term for the application

ERA competitive process – 6 tips for success

3. Don't assume company size or reputation will get you through

- The technical assessment is based only on information provided in the application (incl. technical resources/personnel to implement the program)
- The information provided in the application is then scored against the published assessment criteria

4. Don't forget to provide independent evidence of financial resources

- As per Information Sheet M05 requirements
- eg. latest ASX financial report, annual report, accountant or bank statement for applicant entity

5. Don't forget to check if "ERA Specific Criteria" are applicable

- See SARIG meta-data for the ERA Layer, or DEM website for published "ERA specific criteria"
- DEM looking for: understanding of the criteria, additional approvals required, special management requirements, previous experience managing same or similar issues

6. Ensure you have a good compliance record

- Points are lost for current DEM non-compliances, and formal non-compliances in last 5 years
- eg. EL reporting, rehabilitation directions/instructions/orders, previous ERA non-compliance



Thank you





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