



Industry Research and Development (Exploring for the Future Program) Instrument 2020

I, Keith Pitt, Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia, make the following instrument.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Industry Research and Development (Exploring for the Future Program) Instrument 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	14 October 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 33 of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Act means the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

program: see subsection 5(1).

5 Prescribed program

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the Exploring for the Future Program (the *program*) is prescribed.
- (2) The program provides funding for activities directed to producing a nationally significant minerals, energy and groundwater resources prospectus, including by:
- acquiring and analysing geoscience data, including by using geophysical, geochemical, stratigraphic and other tools and techniques; and
 - developing and delivering geoscience data products, including through an online portal; and
 - conducting comprehensive analysis of geoscience issues in prospective geological regions with clear development potential.

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- (3) The purposes of the program include the following:
- (a) to deliver public geoscience data relating to mineral, energy and groundwater resources;
 - (b) to attract investment in resource exploration and agriculture to stimulate development in the resource and agriculture sectors;
 - (c) to encourage and assist collaboration between industry, researchers and government in relation to developing resource extraction capabilities;
 - (d) to improve energy security, including by identifying potential new gas supplies;
 - (e) to support the recovery of the resources and agriculture sectors from the negative economic impacts of the coronavirus known as COVID-19.

6 Specified legislative power

For the purposes of subsection 33(3) of the Act, the powers of the Parliament to make laws with respect to the following are specified:

- (a) census and statistics (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xi) of the Constitution);
- (b) enterprises and activities that are peculiarly adapted to the government of a nation and cannot otherwise be carried on for the benefit of the nation (see paragraph 51(xxxix) and section 61 of the Constitution).