



NSW DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Caroona coal exploration area - expression of interest

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The Minister for Mineral Resources in New South Wales, Australia, invites Expressions of Interest for the awarding of an exploration licence in respect of the Caroona coal exploration area, pursuant to the Mining Act 1992. The Caroona coal exploration area is located approximately 50 km south east of the town of Gunnedah and approximately 30 km northwest of the town of Quirindi in the Gunnedah Coalfield (Figure 1). The area is approximately 260 km from the port of Newcastle. The Expression of Interest is for an area of approximately 350 sq km which is expected to contain large underground resources of export quality thermal coal.

The area comprises part of Authorisation 216, which is currently held by the Department of Primary Industries. The successful applicant will be awarded coal exploration rights over the area for an initial period of 5 years, pursuant to the Mining Act 1992.

Interested parties are required to submit an Expression of Interest to the Department of Primary Industries with details of an exploration and development program.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) is open to an individual company or companies or a consortium. Any proposed foreign investment in Australian resources projects is subject to the Foreign Investment Review Board guidelines and approvals.

The Caroona deposit contains more than 500 million tonnes of in situ potentially mineable underground coal.

Applications

Expressions of Interest applications must be delivered to:

*Minerals Development,
Department of Primary Industries,
516 High Street,
Maitland NSW 2320*

prior to 12 noon on **Monday 12 December 2005**.

Contact

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