



LETTER OF INVITATION

The Western Australia Department of Industry and Resources is pleased to announce the second release for 2008 of acreage for geothermal energy exploration and production. This follows the enactment of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*. Copies of the legislation are available from the State Law Publisher. Electronic copies may be viewed at www.slp.wa.gov.au.

This release is in the onshore Pilbara and Gascoyne region in Western Australia. The region is well situated with respect to populated regional centres and numerous industrial and mining projects which are operating within the release area.

Companies are invited to tender for predetermined areas averaging 80 contiguous 5' x 5' graticular blocks. The areas are defined on the release map and all applications must conform to these predetermined areas to be deemed valid. Applications for multiple areas are allowed.

At least one shallow well (ie approximately 400 metres) will need to be drilled during the first two years of the geothermal title.

This release package explains how to make a valid application for a Geothermal Exploration Permit.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please contact DoIR's Petroleum and Royalties Division or the Geological Survey of Western Australia. All inquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

I look forward to receiving your application.

WL Tinapple
DIRECTOR
PETROLEUM & ROYALTIES DIVISION
36 July 2008