In mid-2016 the Australian Government initiated a four year $100 M Exploring for the Future initiative to boost investment in minerals, energy and groundwater resource exploration. In this talk, I will provide an overview of this program with an emphasis on the minerals component of pre-competitive data collection and knowledge generation to reduce the technical risk of exploration. A key challenge and focus is to promote, and improve the success of exploration through sedimentary cover that overlies ~80% of the Australian continent. I will emphasise national, cross-disciplinary and integrated aspects of this program, which span across the fields of remote sensing, geochemistry, geology, geophysics and data science. I’ll also highlight new insights into mineral system processes with global implications.

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