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1. INTRODUCTION:

EL 4903 is an exploration licence consisting of 6 graticular blocks located over the majority of the Yeuralba Mineral Field.

It was applied for in October 1985 and granted in March 1986.

This report covers the exploration activity done on the area in its first year of occupancy.

Work done in the first year has consisted entirely of research conducted from our Darwin Office with no field work being attempted.

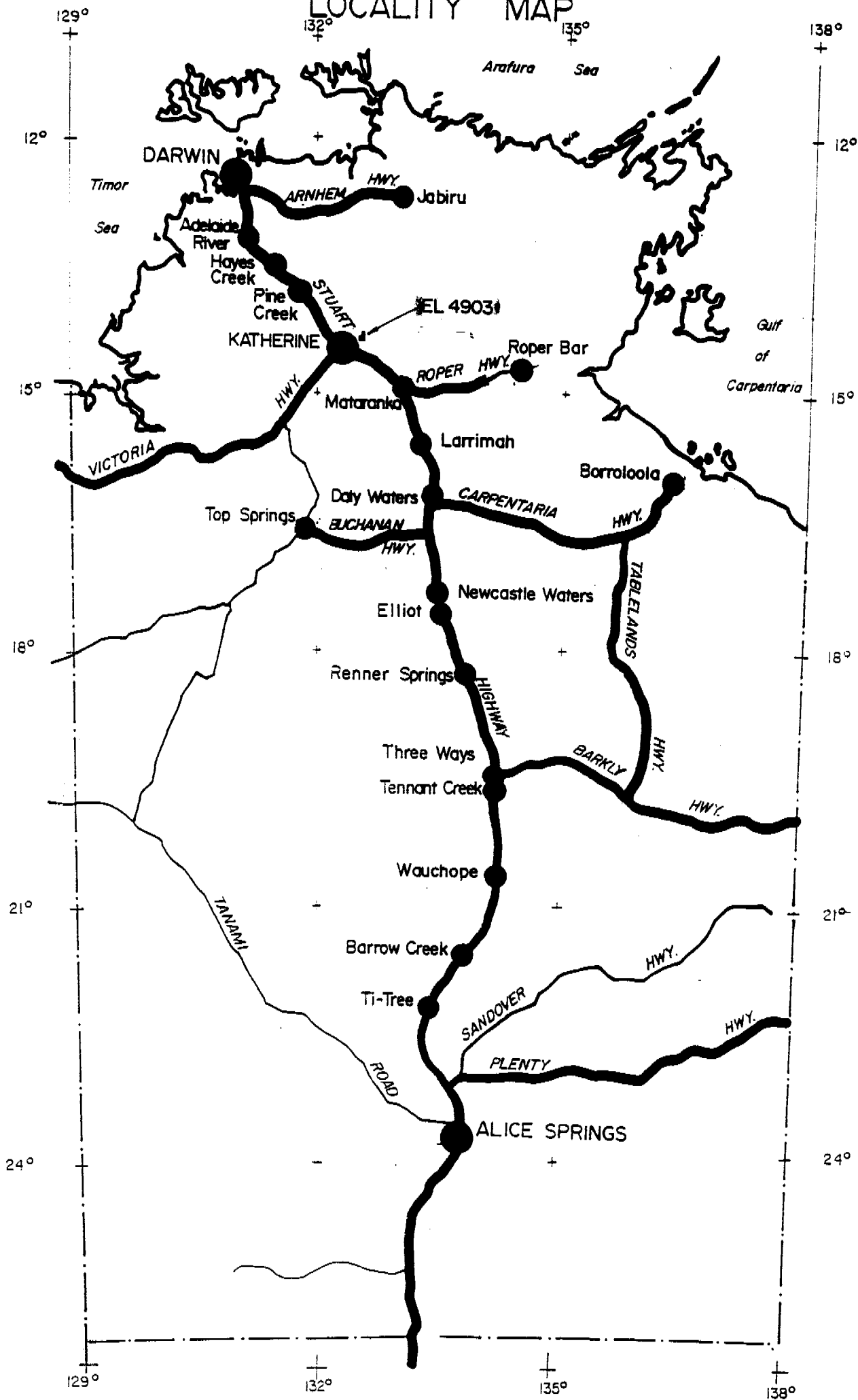
This area is considered prospective for the location of large low grade wolfram deposits or conversely small higher grade wolfram deposits.

Work has been conducted on this area by numerous operators in the past, generally with disappointing results. The prospects located have been considered to be of too low grade to allow profitable mining. This has not deterred the present operators who are willing to reexamine the prospects but assign it a lower priority when compared to their other areas of interest.

Territory Resources as operators of the exploration licence have entered into a joint venture agreement with Billiton Australia over EL 4457 which covers prospective ground located to the east of this licence.

The investigation of this area will be conducted in conjunction with investigations on EL 4457.

LOCALITY MAP



2. LOCATION AND ACCESS

EL 4903 is located on the western granite contact of the Yeuralba Granite and covers the majority of the Yeuralba mineral field which is located approximately 75 km east of Katherine.

The exploration licence consists of 6 graticular blocks having an area of 19.3 km².

Access to the exploration licence from Darwin is via the Stuart Highway to Katherine, a distance of 320 km, thence 48 km further along the highway to the Maranboy turnoff.

From here it is 19 km on a gravel road towards the Eva Valley road.

From this point access is along rough bush tracks for approximately 14 km to the Yeuralba Mineral Field.

3. DESCRIPTION:

The exploration licence is characterised by generally flat topography in the Northern part with incised Cretaceous rocks forming a plateau over most of the southern part. The topography where the Cretaceous Petrel Formation outcrops is very flat with steep sided escarpments forming the boundary where the underlying Lower Proterozoic Tollis Formation and Yeuralba Granite crop out.

Elongated ridges are formed by faults and silicified zones associated with the granite contact.

Vegetation cover is principally very open eucalypt scrub with patches of Cyprus Pine, with a dense wet season cover of speargrass.

4. GEOLOGY:

4.1 REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The Yeuralba area consists of the Lower Proterozoic Tollis Formation comprising greywacke, siltstone, argillite, tuff, ignimbrite and basalt.

This is intruded by an acid biotite granite, the Yeuralba Granite, which is the source of the tin and tungsten mineralisation.

The granite is intersected by northwest striking shears and northeast striking faults. The western contact is griesenised and the contact itself is marked by bodies of highly siliceous greisen. This greisen is a contact metamorphic alteration feature which extends along the entire exposed western contact disappearing under Cretaceous cover at the south end, with most of the wolfram mineralisation occurring over a 3.5 km length.

The northern granite contact is not wolfram bearing and is apparently formed by a north eastern fault.

Wolfram occurs where northwestern shears and to a lesser extent northeast shears intersect the contact greisen.

Elsewhere within the granite, the northwest fractures are mineralised with quartz, tourmaline, quartz-mica greisen and topaz, with associated minor tin and wolfram. Figure 2 is a regional geological map of the area.

4.2 PROSPECT GEOLOGY

The Western Wolfram-bearing Contact.

The geology of the western granite contact, together with workings and known wolfram occurrences is shown in Figure 3.

The contact consists of a greisenised zone 30 to 100 metres wide adjacent to the granite. Between the greisen and the intruded shale, a number of siliceous bodies or lodes have been emplaced and form a conspicuous North-South ridge.

These bodies are traversed by a series of fractures, mainly northwest trending but some striking north east, in which secondary quartz, tourmaline, wolfram and traces of fluorospar have been deposited.

The quartz rock between the fracture zones has a sugary texture, while the quartz in the fractures themselves is generally microcrystalline or glassy.

The boundaries of the fractures are rather indistinct and some tourmaline and wolfram occurs in the adjacent quartz rock.

From north to south, these quartz bodies are named as follows:

Gates
Black Cat
Vivian
Old Camp Spring
Tourmaline Hill
Stone Dam
Black Diamond

Descriptions of these bodies are as follows:

GATES

Gates body is the largest, measuring 365 x 100 metres. The northern and probably the southern ends are truncated by faults, and the eastern contact may also be a major fault.

The northern and southern ends of Gates are well fractured and contain tourmaline with isolated patches of wolfram. There are two open cuts on the northern end, the most easterly of which (Almych's) measures 10x5x5 metres. Wolfram occurs in this cut at the intersection of northwest and northeast fractures, and extends south and west of the open cut.

A quartz outcrop separated by alluvial cover from the main Gates body has been worked in an open cut 120m northwest of Almych's workings. No workings occur in the central part of the Gates body.

All the workings at Gates appear to be close to shale, either on the actual contact, or as roof pendants within the silicified bodies, as at Almych's.

BLACK CAT

The Black Cat zone is 450m south of Gates and the main body is 240 metres long by 60 metres wide, with narrower extensions north and south.

The overall character is similar to that of Gates, though the outcrop is less prominent.

Mr. W.J. Fisher developed an open cut on the western side of the body, from which 2500 tons were mined and treated at the Mt. Wells battery as an experiment to determine the bulk grade.

Head assays at the battery averaged 0.18% WO. The sample open cut was developed adjacent to two old pits and so the ore grade in the cut may be better than the average for the body.

The dimensions of the open cut are 18 x 12 x 5 metres depth and all the rock extracted was milled.

Four fractures are visible across the 18 metre face, the widest being 1.5m and the narrowest 15cm..

Wolfram is visible in the 2 widest fractures and also in the silicified rock adjacent to them.

These fractures strike 300 mag and a subsidiary set strikes 060 mag.

VIVIAN - SOUTHERN CROSS

This area extends south from the Black Cat for 600m. The silicified rock body is fairly narrow, averaging about 10m wide, but continuous over most of the strike length. The shale contact appears to be dipping 30-40 degrees W.

A mineralised zone occurs over a length of 150 metres in the central part of the body. In this 10 shallow pits have been dug on tourmalinised quartz fractures, mostly striking northwest.

Wolfram is visible on the dump material from these workings and also some coarse and fine wolfram is visible in the fracture zones and associated silicified rock.

Another group of workings occurs at the southern end of the outcrop over an area of 45 x 15 metres. The dumps from these workings are quite rich in wolfram.

OLD CAMP SPRING

The mineralisation host rock in this area outcrops 300m south of the Vivian area, with dimensions of 200 x 15 metres. There are only 2 workings of any size, with large and apparently barren dumps.

STONE DAM - TOURMALINE HILL

The host rock outcrops 180m south in a narrow body 430 metres long. A number of small pits have been developed on northwest trending fractures at the northern end, no wolfram was reported at the dumps.

At the southern end of the body, an area 15 x 30 metres has been worked in two small open cuts near the slate contact. Northwest and northeast fractures occur here.

Coarse wolfram was reported in the dumps.

BLACK DIAMOND

Highly tourmalinised silicified host rock occurs 300m south of the Stone Dam area. The outcrop measures 120 x 100 metres. Several pits have been sunk near the southern and eastern edges of the outcrop, and a trench 23m long dug across the strike.

Visible wolfram is reportedly restricted to a zone measuring about 45 x 15 metres near the eastern edge of the body.

5. PREVIOUS EXPLORATION

Previous exploration has been conducted on the Yeuralba mineral field by the following companies.

1970	Euralba Mining Pty. Ltd.	W.J. Fisher
1970	Yeuralba Mining N.L.	CHC Shannon
1976	Unimet Pty. Ltd.	D.O. Shatwell
1978	Nord Resources (Pacific) P/L	K. Schultz
1981	Euralba Mining Ltd.	-----
1982	Carpentaria Exploration Co. Pty. Ltd.	P.J. Barrett

With the exception of the Shannon report for Yeuralba Mining N.L. all have downgraded the prospects.

All the reports agree on the large tonnages of mineralised material available as well as the very low grade of material available.

In the view of the author of this report the tonnages mentioned may well be there but the various grade analyses suffer somewhat.

I consider that proper grade calculations should take into account the very spotty nature of the mineralisation, this limits representative sampling to bulk samples and to date there has only been one of these done in the area.

A bulk sample was removed from the Black Cat by Mr. W.J. Fisher and treated at the Mt. Wells battery.

Successive work on grade estimation for this and the other prospects has consisted of various assay and grab samples.

What I would propose to do would be to remove a number of small selective bulk samples which would be treated at the Mt. Wells Mill.

In this case I would envisage the removal and treatment of a bulk sample of not less than 100 tonnes from each of the named prospects.

This work would not be carried out in year 2 of occupancy but sometime after that.

6. EXPLORATION FOR YEAR 1

Due to the workload on the exploration arm of Territory Resources in the previous year no field exploration was carried out on this licence during the year.

Work done to date has consisted of obtaining what information was available on open file at the DME reference library.

A number of reports were also obtained from Mr. W.J. Fisher and brief discussions held with him.

His general feeling is one of optimism concerning the mineral field but he thinks a substantial increase in the wolfram price is needed to make the field profitable.

Other work consisted of the construction of base maps for the area as well as geological photointerpretation at 1:25000 scale.

7. EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1

Since writing in response to the Departments letter of the 2nd February, 1987, where we requested a variation of expenditure to \$1570.00 we have spent an additional 5 days researching, correlating and preparing this report. This brings the actual expenditure up to \$1954.00 which exceeds the amount requested in the variation.

This transforms into the following:

Wages:	W.A. Jettner	14 days	\$1344.00
	J.N. Crago	3 days	\$ 300.00
	T. O'leary	2 days	\$ 210.00
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	Office Supplies		\$ 50.00
	Aerial photographs		\$ 50.00
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		TOTAL	\$1954.00
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8. PROPOSED EXPLORATION FOR YEAR 2

The proposed exploration program for EL 4903 in year 2 is as follows:

(a) Silt Fraction Geochemistry

This consists of taking 1-2kg samples of the transported silt fraction found in drainage lines. The samples will then be dried at Mt. Wells and screened to -200 mesh size. It is then forwarded for assay of the following elements: Au, Ag, As, Pb, Cu, Zn, W and Ni.

(b) Bulk Leach Extraction

BLE samples will be taken from the major drainage system (Yeuralba Creek) with follow up work using our standard gold sampling method.

(c) Standard Gold Sampling

- i) A 24 litre sample of -1.5cm alluvium is extracted from the drainage profile after removing the top 5cm of material prior to sampling.
- ii) Sample locations are sited at least 30m upstream from confluences to avoid mixing of sources.

iii) The sample is panned to a heavy mineral concentrate which is examined under a hand lens for signs of the desired minerals, in this case gold and tin.

As a further check the concentrate is then assayed for the following elements: Au, Ag, As, Cu, Pb, Zn and Ni.

(iv) All samples are examined for acid volcanics and gossanous material.

(d) Mapping

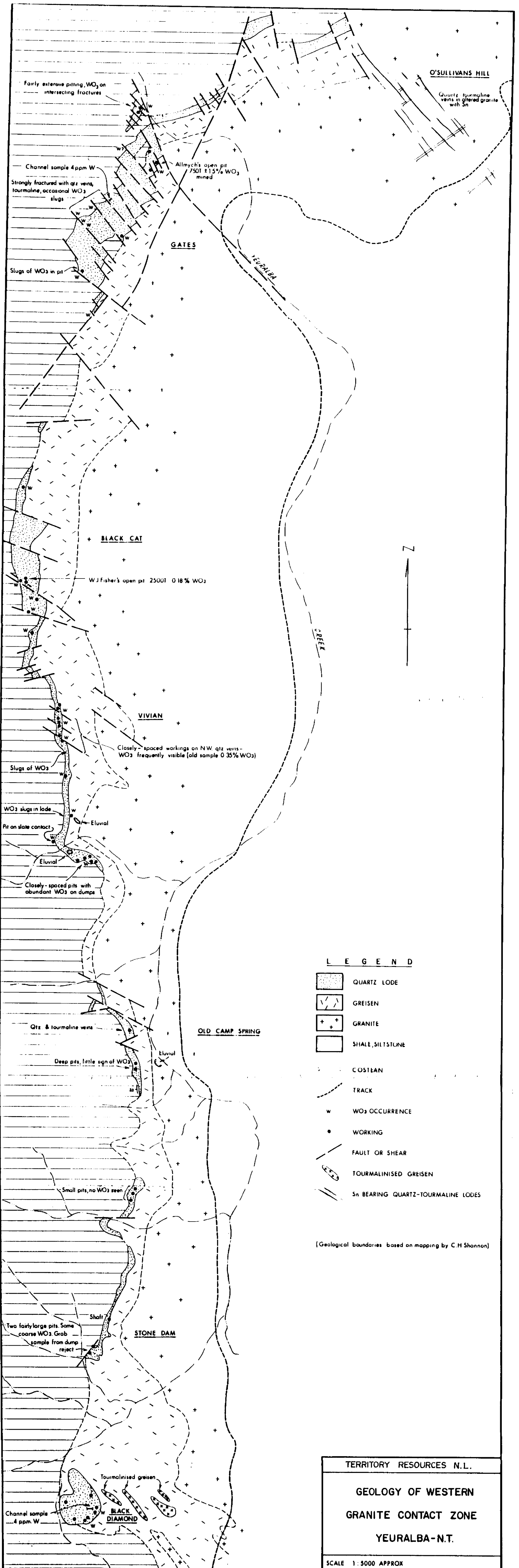
Mapping will consist of small scale determination of the previously discovered prospects with the view towards the removal of a bulk sample in the future.

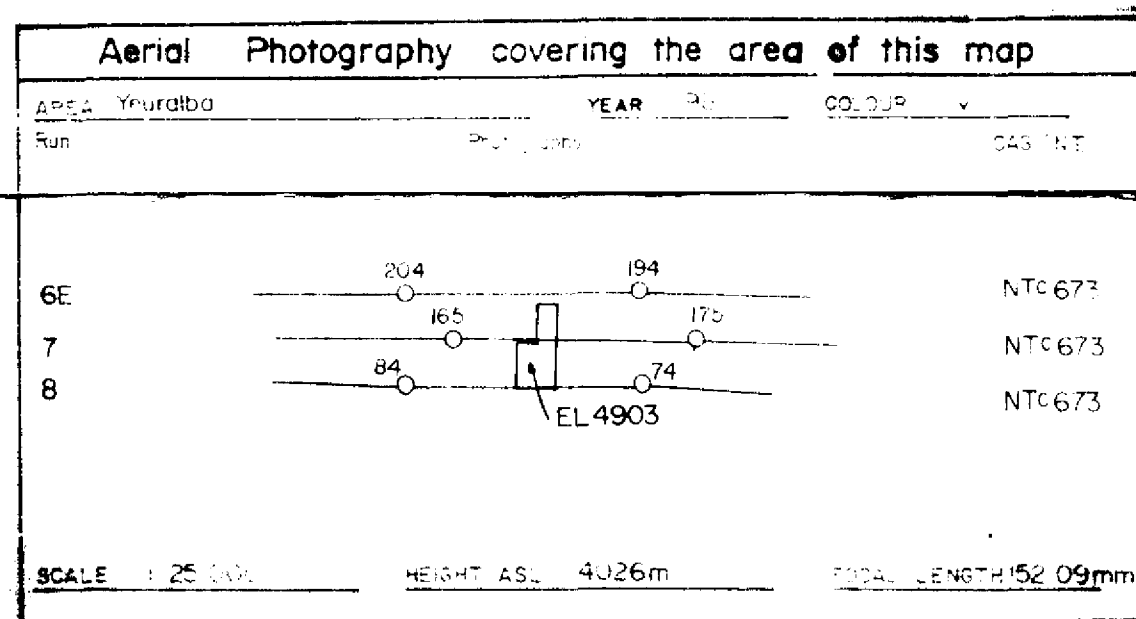
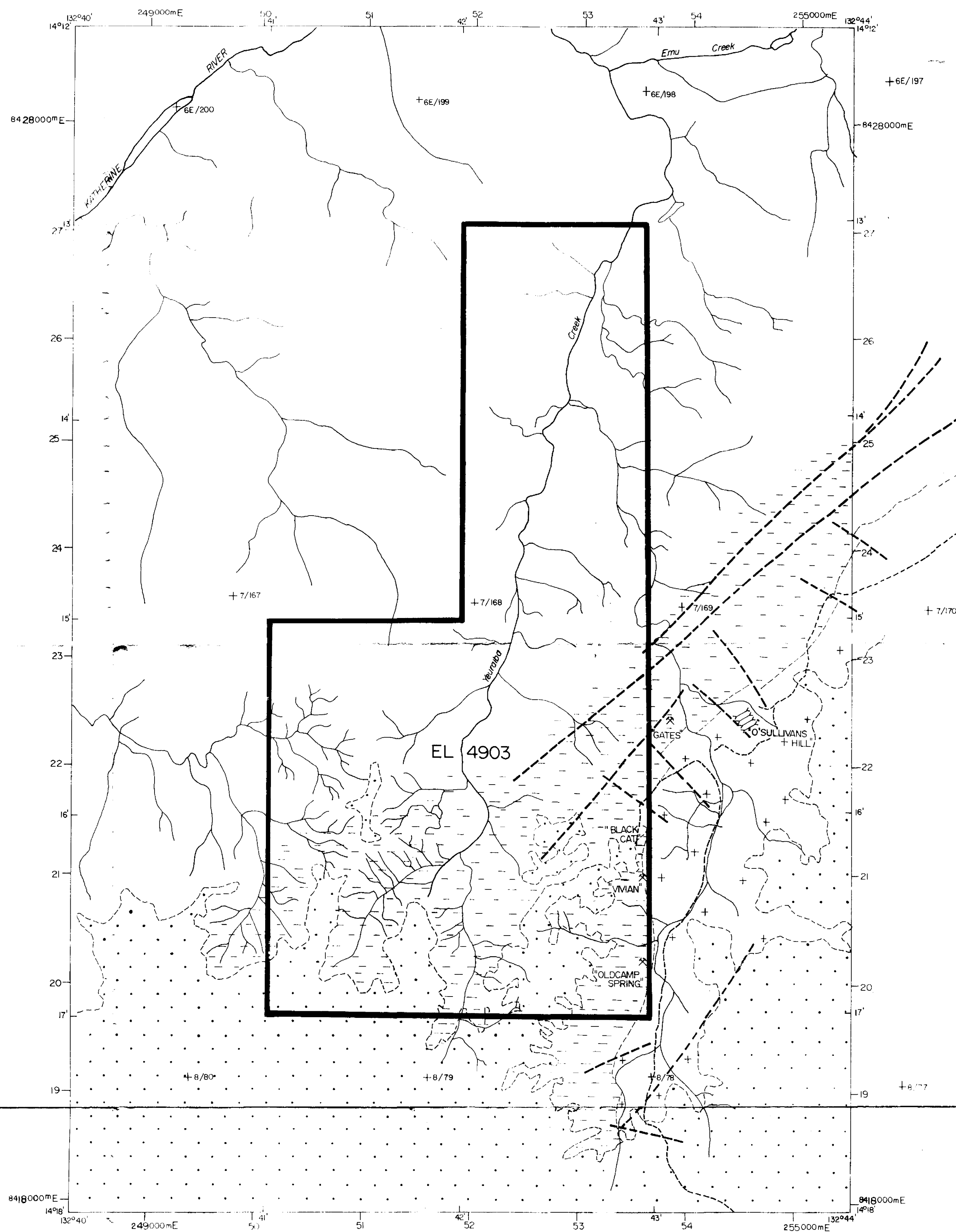
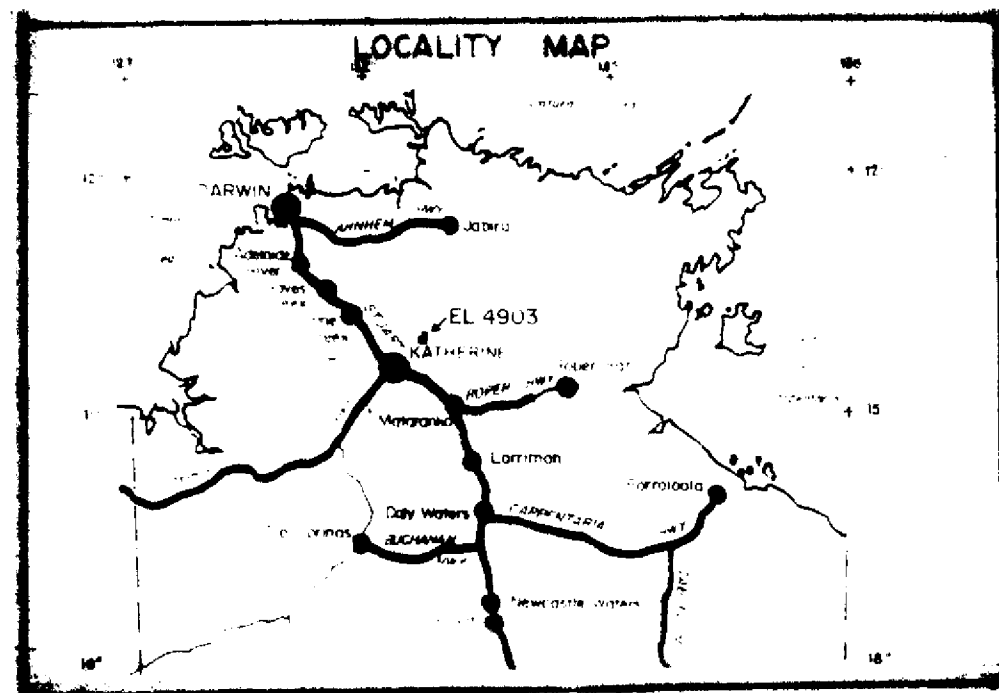
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It is proposed that the level of expenditure in year 2 be set at \$20.000.

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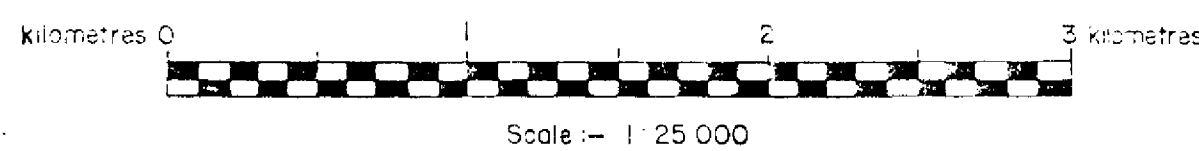
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- Lower Proterozoic Metasediments
- Geological Boundary
- Fault
- Cosecan

- River, Creek
- Vehicle Track
- Fence

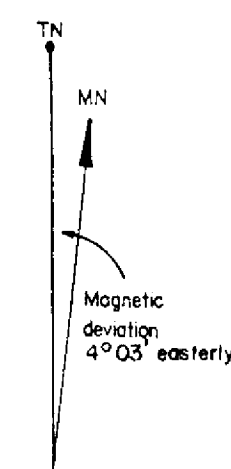
MAP REFERENCE

SEVENTEEN MILE	LAMBELL	DAVID	MARGARET
KATHERINE	EVA	VALLEY	WATERHOUSE

1:100 000 / 1:50 000



Acknowledgement: This geological map has been compiled using NATMAP 1:50 000 topographic series and aerial photography of the area.



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**EL 4903
GEOLOGICAL MAP**

References 1:50 000 Comoye & Lambell, 1:100 000 Eva Valley
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