

Application of Gravity to Finniss Lithium Project

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Background – Rare Element Pegmatite models

- Pegmatite: swarms of dykes, sills & lenses above source granite
- Granite source character for LCT pegmatites:
 - S-type Al-rich "LCT" granite (Li Cs Ta)
 - fractional crystallisation from residual melt that is highly enriched in incompatible elements, LILs and volatiles
- LCT pegmatite character:
 - chemically enriched by factors of 1000s in Li, Cs, Rb, Be, Sn, Ta and Nb
 - principle mineralogy: Na feldspar (albite), Li pyroxene (<u>spodumene</u>), K feldspar (microcline), quartz & muscovite
 - some regions (greenstones WA) also contain lepidolite, petalite and other Li minerals
- Zonation of chemistry and mineralogy outward from granite due to declining temp and devolatilization
- "Sweet spot" for Lithium 3-4 km above granite



Finniss Lithium Project - PCO

- Pegmatite bodies intruded into Finniss River Group (Burrell Ck Fmn)
- Shape: Steep NNE lozenges (dykes) & shallow dipping sheets (sills)
- Size: Economic bodies up to 300m long and 35m wide
 - Barren bodies much larger (1500x300m)
- Fertility: some Li rich, some barren, some Ta-Sn rich, some mixed
- Source: postulated to be Two Sisters Granite underpinning the area
- Pegmatites emanate from apophyses on granite roof?
- Current geophysical or geochemical data do not allow source to be demonstrated or roof geometry to be resolved at Finniss
- Two Sisters Granite is non-magnetic & current gravity too broad (11 km)
- Economic Importance: 6 pegmatites have mineral resource and two subject of development. More economic bodies required.



Granites and Gravity

- Granite & Pegmatite typical SG = 2.65
- Sandstone or shale prior to metamorphism SG = 2.4
- Metamorphic host BCF SG = 2.85 (loss of porosity)
- Resultant gravity LOW over granite
- Shape of gravity profile relates to granite geometry and compositional variations



Finniss Gravity Survey 2020

- Collaborative Co-funded Program (NTGS)
- 1898 ground gravity stations
- 500x500m and 500x1000m spacing across most of Core's tenure and along road corridors
- Infill to 100x200m and 20x100m at Grants and BP33 lithium deposits
- Aim was to provide a rough depth map for underlying granite where the pegmatites originated
- Help understand pegmatite distribution, geometry and lithium fertility
- Identify new fertile areas for mineralised pegmatite





Regional: Dominated by deep sources



Residual: Dominated by 1-10km sources



Vertical Derivative (VD): Dominated by 1-2 km sources



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Residual gravity

- Density domains consistent with granite geometry
- Gravity Lows (blue = "light")
 - Granite dominates
 - West: Two Sisters Granite (outcrop)
 - Southeast: Ringwood concealed pluton that is evident in magnetics and has a metamorphic overprint (=shallow)
 - Central: linear granite that is not visible in magnetics or metamorphic gradient (=deep)
- Gravity Highs (red = "dense")
 - Metasediments dominate
 - West: Grants belt hosting majority of mineralised pegmatites
 - Southeast: Sandras belt hosting sub-economic or barren pegmatites
- Pegmatites in granite domains are large and barren (=close to source)



Vertical Derivative

- Higher frequency texture = granite shape
- NNE fabric = structure control on granite emplacement
- Steep dipping fertile pegmatites on crest of highs
- Shallow dipping pegmatites on flanks
- Granite shape exerts structural control above it and influences the pegmatite shape
- Heat-flow created by the regional-scale and meso-scale depth-to-granite is also likely to have controlled the depth at which pegmatites are fertile for lithium precipitation and preservation



Grants detailed

- 100x200m stations and several 20x100m lines
- NNE vertical body 250x25m
- Depth extent yet to be determined, but plunges steeply south or sub-vertical
- Distinct gravity low within a dominant gravity high in Residual grid
- VD has a North to NNW trend, oblique to pegmatite (cross-fault?)
- NNE dilational jog?
- Carlton is a similar shaped pegmatite but has no distinct gravity signature
- Economic pegmatites sit above roof pendants, not apophyses!
 - Is this where sweet spot lies?



BP33 detailed

- 100x200m stations one 10x100m line
- NE vertical to steep SE dipping body 160x40m
- Depth extent yet to be determined, but plunges steeply south
- NE oblique tension or pull apart
- Distinct structurally from Grants
- Other similar gravity lows in the immediate vicinity yet to be tested



Implications for Lithium Exploration

- Grants belt gravity high extends SSW from the Kings Table Group to the Observation Hill Group (inc Grants and BP33) to the Leviathan Group
 - These may not be clusters
 - Areas in between are prospective for Lithium (these are largely covered in laterite and estuarine alluvium)
- Sandras belt may be more prospective than currently viewed reflects exploration maturity?
- Structure is resolved nicely and may solve some riddles about plunge
- Direct detection has potential but is expensive



Conclusions

- Gravity looks like it will be a game-changer for regional exploration at Finniss
- Can differentiate granite and host at macro and meso scales
- Mimics structure and granite shape where host geology is simple
- Predicts pegmatite style
- How it relates to Fertility yet to be resolved
- Prospectivity mapping is the next step
- Connection with recently identified Gold mineral system?
- 2021 Plan: Infill Grants belt to 100x200m grid

