

### **Hot Rock Energy Expands In Tasmania**

The search for hot rock energy in Tasmania will continue, with the State Government announcing that it will grant two new Special Exploration Licences for geothermal energy. “Geothermal Energy Tasmania’s exploration will be directed towards finding and evaluating hot dry rocks from which energy can be extracted, ultimately as electricity,” says local MP Bryan Green. Geothermal Energy Tasmania West Coast Pty Ltd has applied for a Special Exploration Licence of 2205 square kilometres in western Tasmania, and Geopower Pty Ltd has applied for an area of 4892 square kilometres in the north-east of Tasmania. The company intends to spend \$350,000 on exploration over the first two years of the licence’s life. The Tasmanian Government also announced that an exploration licence in western Tasmania will be granted.

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