Victoria offers pre-competitive data and knowledge to assist explorers, including:
- A state-wide 3D geological model that can be used to analyse resource potential, predict the location of undiscovered earth resources and inform the development of a four-dimensional framework.
- GeoVic, an online tool to view and create customised geoscience and cultural maps in real time, download or interrogate geoscience databases, including geology, drill holes and geochemistry.
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Key reasons to explore in Victoria, Australia
- New regional-scale tectonic and geodynamic models developed for Victoria and southeast Australia by the Geological Survey of Victoria offer improved geological understanding resulting in new gold and base metal exploration opportunities.
- The newly emerging regional-scale understanding suggests that the Bendigo Zone may share its world-class gold prospectivity with the northwestern Tabberabbera Zone – a greenfields region mostly buried under shallow Murray Basin cover.
- In Victoria, exploration potential exists for significant gold deposits at depth, the potential of which has been demonstrated by world-class geoscience. In general, Victoria’s gold deposits have few, or manageable, metallurgical problems, and the possibility of economic by-products (e.g. Sb, Ag).
- Victoria’s historically significant goldfields are typically high grade and offer the potential for clustered, small-footprint, short start-up, economically attractive deposits. Capital costs are low relative to reward. Close proximity in a rural setting offers the possibility of infrastructure sharing, residential skilled workforce and access to key services.
- While Victoria’s original gold wealth came from nuggety gold, multi-million ounce disseminated gold deposits such as at Fosterville exist, and give confidence that similar discoveries can be made either below historical workings or under cover.
- Victoria boasts political and economic stability.
- Victoria features easy access to sophisticated infrastructure, established markets and export pathways.
- Victoria provides opportunities to have an enviable lifestyle in a secure environment with world-class facilities and services and for any reason.
- Victoria has a highly skilled workforce and a thriving, progressive mining, engineering and technology services sector (METS).

Victoria’s gold resurgence
Victoria, Australia, is a globally-renowned gold province with world-class pre-competitive geoscientific data and knowledge to improve mineral exploration targeting.

80 million ounces mined – up to 75 million ounces yet to find
Approximately 80 million ounces (Moz) of gold has been mined in Victoria since 1851. However, much of Victoria remains under explored and further exploration opportunities are available for significant discoveries based on new (tectonic and) geodynamic models. Estimates by the Geological Survey of Victoria indicate that 75 Moz of undiscovered gold may occur in the Stawell, Bendigo and Melbourne zones, while several multi-million ounce deposits in Victoria potentially remain undiscovered.
Victoria’s gold deposits are often high grade and offer the potential for low cost development opportunities.

Current production success
Gold production and exploration activity is on the rise. Victoria’s annual exploration spend is currently outperforming Australian growth. The world-class Fosterville gold deposit produced 356,230 oz Au in 2018 at a grade of 24.9 g/t Au and recovery of 97.3%. Fosterville is expected to produce 570,000–610,000 oz Au in 2019.

Exploration and development opportunities
Victoria’s significant prospectivity for gold is based on a long history of discovery and production and features large, under-explored but highly prospective areas, including greenfields areas beneath shallow cover.

Fosterville: Victoria’s gold production powerhouse
The Gold Undercover Initiative by the Geological Survey of Victoria is a gateway to applied geoscience data and knowledge for gold mineralisation and exploration targeting in Victoria.

For free copies of the Gold Undercover reports and data, visit the online store at earthresources.efirst.com.au/product.asp?ID=101660&ID=42

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World-class gold opportunities

Victoria has thirteen existing goldfields that have each produced >1 Moz of gold, including a 22 Moz (Bendigo) and a 12 Moz (Ballarat) field.

Many of these goldfields offer new opportunities to reopen mines or find new deposits by applying modern exploration techniques and geological concepts.

**Types of gold deposits**

There are several types of gold deposits occurring in different geological settings across Victoria including: mesozonal orogenic, epizonal orogenic, intrusion-related, volcanic-hosted massive sulphide and alluvial gold.

**Outstanding results continue to enhance Victoria’s gold and mineral resurgence**

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**Seamless geology and geophysics**

Developed from over 160 years of mapping, research and exploration, Victoria is covered completely in 1,250,000 scale geology, with various more detailed sets (e.g. 150,000) in areas of interest.

Victoria boasts some of the most closely spaced regional pre-competitive potential field datasets in Australia. State-wide modern airborne magnetics and gravity have a nominal 200-400 m spacing and 1.5 km station spacing respectively.

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