

# Innovation SUMMIT

## **QEC Innovation Summit** **Wednesday 16 July 2025** **The Westin, Brisbane**

8.30am Doors open to function room

### **Session 1: An update from Industry- Chaired by Kim Wainwright**

8.45am Welcome by Kim Wainwright, Chair, Queensland Exploration Council

8.50am Keynote Address - Graham Fraine, Director-General for Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development

9.05am Janette Hewson, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Resources Council

9.25am Prof. David Close, Director Gas and Energy Transition Research Centre, UQ

9.45am Ross Lambie, Chief Economist, Minerals Council of Australia

10.05am Morning Tea

### **Session 2: Discovery Through Technology - Chaired by Stephen Kelemen**

10.55am Mark Gordon, Acting Chief Government Geologist, Department of Natural Resources, Mines, Manufacturing, Regional and Rural Development

11.15am Prof. Ross McAree, Head of the School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering UQ

11.30am Luke Irwin Principal Consultant AEGIS Cybersecurity

11.45am Panel: Accelerating Discovery and New Approaches to Exploration

- Caoilin Chestnutt, Head of Corporate Technical Services, Thiess
- John Philips, CEO & MD, Blue Energy
- Mark Gordon, Acting Chief Government Geologist, Department of Natural Resources, Mines, Manufacturing, Regional and Rural Development

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12.15pm Lunch

## **Session 3: Creative Approaches to Capital Raising - Chaired by Caoilin Chestnutt**

1.15pm Sonia Maunder, CDP Grants Manager, Department of Natural Resources,  
Mines, Manufacturing, Regional and Rural Development

1.30pm Will Buswell, Director, Ernst & Young

1.45pm Courteney Dhnaram, CEI Grants Manager, Geological Survey of Queensland

2.00pm Panel: Collaboration in Exploration and Development

- Roger Leaning, Director Corporate Advisory, Morgan's Financial
- Anne Neil, Director Program Delivery, Critical Minerals Queensland
- Will Buswell, Director, Ernst & Young

2.30pm Networking and Afternoon Tea featuring a meeting Government speed  
dating opportunity

3.30pm Function ends

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