

## Mission Statement

The Australian Geoscience Council provides a forum for representatives of geoscientific societies and organisations to cooperate and to encourage the development of the geosciences in Australia.

The geosciences are critical for Australia. The mineral and petroleum industries are the main export earners and underpin our wealth creation. The geosciences are needed to discover, develop and manage these resources. Our future prosperity will depend on these industries remaining healthy, innovative and competitive.

We are faced with huge challenges in respect of land degradation and deteriorating water quality across the whole continent. These issues require input from the geosciences. We must aim to ensure that our land and water management practices will sustain productive and profitable land and water uses, as well as our natural environments.

The objective of the Australian Geoscience Council is to represent the broad range of geoscience professions in order to:

- Provide expert apolitical advice to governments on matters involving the geosciences and their application;
- Promote the development of scientifically sound policies for effective geoscience education and research; and

- Provide the Australian public with a greater appreciation of the economic, environmental and cultural values of the geosciences.

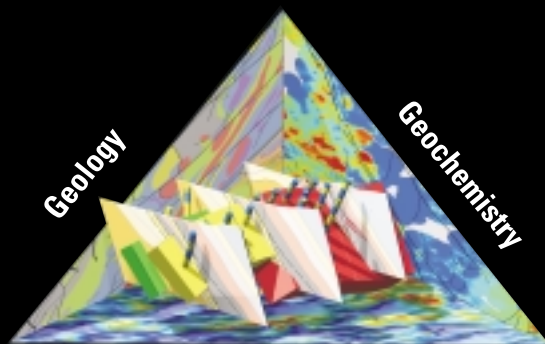
## Council Membership

Association of Exploration Geochemists  
 Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy  
 Australian Geoscience Information Association  
 Australian Institute of Geoscientists  
 Australian National Chapter, International Association of Hydrogeologists  
 Australian Quaternary Association  
 Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists  
 Geological Society of Australia  
 Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia

## Recent Activities Include:

- Publication and distribution of a policy document on *Geoscience Priorities for the next Australian Government*;
- Submissions to government in 2002 on *The Higher Education Review, National Research Priorities, Impediments for Resources Exploration, and Business Commitment to Research and Development*;
- Submissions to government in 2001 on *The Senate Inquiry into Tertiary Education, and Safe Storage of Nuclear Waste*;

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