

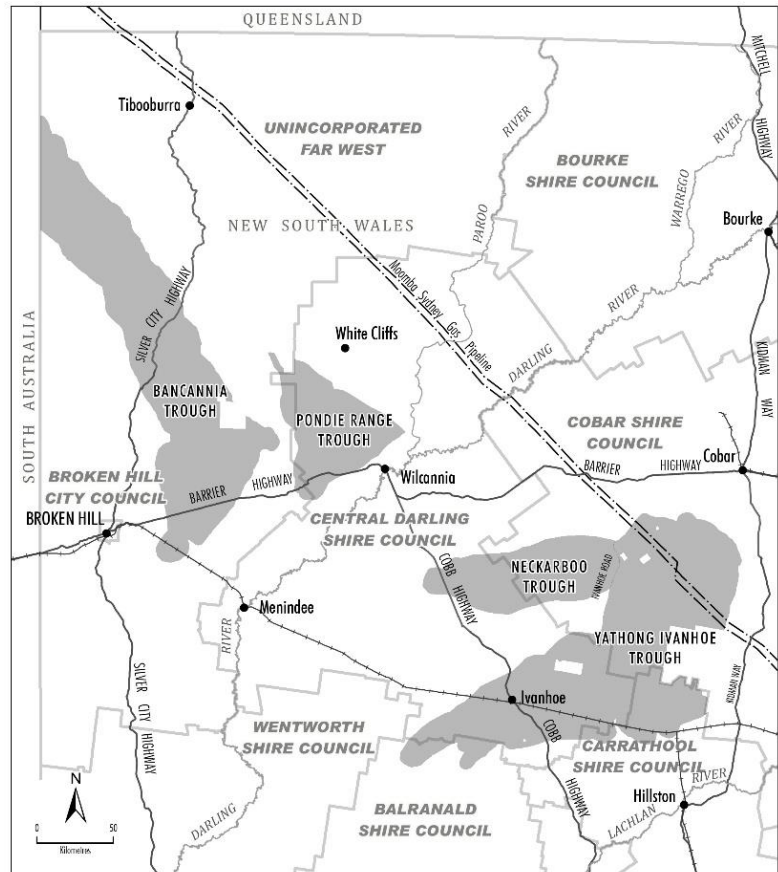
# Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

## Bancannia, Pondie Range, Neckarboo, and Yathong Ivanhoe Troughs, Western NSW

The NSW Government's Advisory Body for Strategic Release has requested the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment prepare an updated Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment for exploration of conventional and tight gas resources in the Bancannia Trough north of Broken Hill and the Pondie Range Trough north-west of Wilcannia, as well as new assessments of the Neckarboo Trough north of Ivanhoe and the Yathong-Ivanhoe Trough south of Cobar to Ivanhoe.

The Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment is a key advisory step in the NSW Strategic Release Framework for Coal and Petroleum, which has been established by the NSW Government to deliver greater transparency in the way resource exploration titles are allocated.

The Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment will identify the social, environmental and economic opportunities and constraints associated with releasing the Bancannia, Pondie Range, Neckarboo, and Yathong-Ivanhoe Troughs for exploration of gas resources. The Advisory Body for Strategic Release will consider the Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment in recommending to the Minister for Regional NSW whether the areas should be released (either wholly or in part) or should not be released, for resource exploration.



The Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment does not pre-empt the assessment of any potential future gas production projects and does not guarantee that any future approvals will be granted by the NSW Government.

**The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is seeking input from the community and other stakeholders to inform the Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment.**

To be involved in this engagement process you will first need to register your interest by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**. You can register by emailing [pria@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pria@planning.nsw.gov.au) or by calling 02 9274 6164. The Department will communicate directly with registered stakeholders to obtain feedback on potential opportunities and constraints relevant to the Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment.

**Further information on the NSW Strategic Release Framework for Coal and Petroleum, including the Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment process, is available at: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/regionalissuesassessment](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/regionalissuesassessment).**