



Fourth uranium conference for Adelaide

Now in its fourth year, Paydirt's Uranium Conference will once again be held in the capital of the state which actively promotes itself as user-friendly towards the contentious commodity.

Adelaide's Hilton Hotel is the venue for the event which takes place on March 1-2.

Conference organisers are expecting about 300-350 delegates in attendance to hear more than two dozen presentations by a wide range of opinion, from Government and academics to analysts and company chief executives.

South Australia has been at the forefront of the country's uranium mining and exploration boom while the other states and territories, for ideological reasons, have held back. Northern Territory and Western Australia have followed SA's example, and both are at the cusp of joining the uranium club.

The man attributed to having shifted Australia's moribund attitude to the uranium industry is SA Premier Mike Rann, who in 2007 almost single-handedly led the charge to change the Labor Party's Draconian "three mines" policy.

A canny politician, Rann would never have taken the risk of deep controversy if he had not sensed the mood that Australia was, finally, ready to join the rest of the modern world in accepting the fact that nuclear energy was the sensible and logical route for a power-hungry and environmentally challenged planet.

Rann is adamant that disposing of "three mines" was correct – and with the SA election taking place on March 20, he's sticking to his guns on presenting his state as one of the best mining jurisdictions in the world.

Rann's Mines Minister Paul Holloway will be

at the Paydirt Uranium Conference along with Federal Mines Minister Martin Ferguson.

At the time **Paydirt** went to press, other speakers included in the programme were Ziggy Switkowski (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation), Barry Brook (Adelaide University), Greg Hall (Toro Energy Ltd), Richard Henning (Extract Resources Ltd), Warwick Grigor (Far East Capital), Mark Chalmers (Uranium Council), Doug Boreham (McMaster University), Andrew Tunks (A-Cap Resources Ltd), Russel Bluck (UraniumSA Ltd), Chris Giles (Curnamona Energy Ltd), Tony Owen (UCL School of Energy and Resources) and David Williams (Heathgate Resources Ltd).

For more details on the conference, see the advertisement on pages 22 and 23 of this edition.



Flashback to Paydirt's Uranium Conference in 2009 ... on the closing panel session were, from left, Patrick Mutz, John Howard, Greg Hall, Ian Plimer, Ziggy Switkowski and Warwick Grigor