

A new application for TA

Assessing technologies in the Australian mining & minerals industry

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The goals of Minerals Down Under

Delivering science and technology options to unlock new mineral resources in Australia - creating impact in three key areas



iron | copper | nickel | lead |zinc |uranium | gold | aluminium |magnesium



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But what about sustainability?

• How can mining contribute to the transition to a sustainable society?

Defining governance

 "The interactions among structures, processes and traditions that determine how power and responsibilities are exercised, how decisions are taken, and how citizens or other stakeholders have their say" (Graham et al. 2003)



Emerging challenges

- Changing social and political landscape around mining in Australia
- Emergence of controversial mining technologies
- Thinking about technology as:
 - An interface between mining and society
 - A potential site of democratisation





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Integrated TA Framework for Mining Context

GLOBAL

(SCALE)

LOCAL

PERSPECTIVES

POTENTIAL IMPACT DOMAINS

- Inform technology (re)design within R&D organisations
- Inform technology options in new and existing mines
- Inform policy development and approaches to regulation of existing and new technology
- Enable communities to develop and articulate the attributes that will underpin acceptance of new technology/mining practices





Thank you

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