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Minister outlines strategies

STRATEGIES to stay ahead in the minerals and resources sector have been outlined by Mines Minister Norman Moore in Perth.

Mr Moore detailed initiatives designed by the State Government to assist discovery, research and expertise at the Centre for Exploration Targeting Symposium at the University of WA.

He said the new \$80 million Exploration Incentive Scheme, implemented under the State Government's Royalties for Regions program, was established to protect the long-term viability of WA's resources industry.

During his address to the symposium, he talked about the State's support for research and scholarships.

The Centre for Exploration Targeting Symposium will announce its 2009 supplementary scholarship recipients, with the program proving an effective method of guaranteeing future generations of researchers to support resources developments.

The Minister said the State Government wanted WA recognised as one of the top jurisdictions in the world for resources investments.

"We hope these contributions will help to position WA at the forefront of resources exploration and production," he said.

The Centre for Exploration Targeting is a joint venture between UWA, Curtin University of Technology, the State Government and minerals industry partners.