

MAP 5A – SIMPLIFIED GEOLOGY AND AREAS OF HIGHEST MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING POTENTIAL



BASS STRAIT

- QUATERNARY** 0 – 1.8 million years before present
 - Gravel, sand, clay, mud and minor limestone.
- TERTIARY** 1.8 – 65 million years before present
 - Unconsolidated or cemented gravel, sand, silt and clay, minor limestone and brown coal.
 - Basalt and related sediments.
- CRETACEOUS** 65 – 141 million years before present
 - Intrusive and volcanic igneous rocks of various compositions (Cygnet and Cape Portland areas only).
- JURASSIC** 141 – 205 million years before present
 - Dolomite.

- TRIASSIC** 205 – 251 million years before present
 - Sandstone and mudstone, minor black coal, basalt and volcanic sediments.
- PERMIAN – LATE CARBONIFEROUS** 251 – 314 million years before present
 - Mudstone, pebbly mudstone, sandstone and conglomerate, minor limestone, black coal and oil shale.
- EARLY CARBONIFEROUS – ORDOVICIAN** 340 – 490 million years before present
 - Granite and related intrusive and minor volcanic igneous rocks of various compositions.
 - Folded and locally deformed sandstone, quartzite, siltstone, shale and slate, minor quartz veining.
- ORDOVICIAN** 434 – 490 million years before present
 - Limestone and minor sandstone, siltstone and shale.
- MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN – LATE CAMBRIAN** 460 – 500 million years before present
 - Folded and locally deformed conglomerate, sandstone, quartzite, siltstone and shale.

- LATE – MIDDLE CAMBRIAN** 490 – 510 million years before present
 - Folded, deformed and altered volcanic rocks of various compositions, and related intrusive igneous rocks, sandstone, siltstone and conglomerate (includes Mt Read Volcanics).
- MIDDLE – EARLY CAMBRIAN** 510 – 545 million years before present
 - Serpentine and greenstones. Deformed and metamorphosed volcanic and intrusive igneous rocks of ultra mafic and basaltic compositions, and associated sandstone, mudstone and chert.
- NEOPROTEROZOIC** 545 – 1000 million years before present
 - Deformed and metamorphosed basaltic volcanic rocks and associated sandstone, siltstone, shale, dolomite, chert and schist.
- MESOPROTEROZOIC** 1000 – 1600 million years before present
 - Granite (King Island only).
 - Deformed and metamorphosed quartzite, siltstone, conglomerate, schist and dolomite.

THIS MAP SHOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAP B – MINING LEASES AND ACTIVE MINES, PITS AND QUARRIES.

Scale: 1:100000
0 2 4 6 8 10km
ACZ06E – AMG Zone 55
Contour Interval: 100 metres

The simplified geology for this map is derived from the 1:250000 digital geology of Tasmania.

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Mineral deposit information derived from Mineral Resources Tasmania DEPOSITS data base. Data point position has not been verified in every case.

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