

A. 7.4 Conclusions

The March-April 1982 exploration programme was more successful than the October-December 1981 exploration programme. The main contributing factor was fluming the drill cuttings over mesh screens, and having higher capacity mud pumps on board the drill rig, which allowed higher drilling production to be obtained.

Sampling from mesh screens also provided a better sample than what can be obtained by sampling from mud pits, and lithological boundaries could also be more accurately logged.

It is recommended that future drilling in clayey strata similar to those intersected in the Launceston Basin be drilled using methods similar to those used in the March-April 1982 exploration programme.