

Lake Way Uranium Project (W.A.)

- Westinghouse, Dehli, Vam. \$80 million. Small deposit. Environmental and cost-feasibility work is under way and decision to go ahead is expected before end 1979. Westinghouse process will be used and Westinghouse will use uranium for its nuclear plants.

Jabiluka Uranium Project (N.T.)

- Pancontinental Mining (65 per cent), Getty Oil (35 per cent). Production to begin 1983-84 at 3,000 TPY rising to 9,000 TPY, EIS submitted mid-1979.

Ben Lombard Uranium Project (Qld)

- Minatome (French). Proven resources of 2,000 tonnes, located near coast. Project announced April 1979 by Queensland government, production to begin early 1980s.

Plumbago Uranium Project (S.A.)

- Esso Exploration and Production Ltd. Exploration still at early stages but deposit looks promising.

Minindi Creek Uranium Project (W.A.)

- Cliffmines N.L. \$10 million. Preliminary exploration completed.

Beverly Uranium Project

- Phelps Dodge (50 per cent), Oilmin (16-2/3 per cent), Transoil (16-2/3 per cent). \$130 million. Production to start up in 1982 at three million lbs. U308 per annum.

Honeymoon Uranium Project (S.A.)

- CSR/MIM/Teton (U.S.). Probable reserves of 2,400 tonnes uranium oxide. Plans announced Sept. 1980. 100 TPY pilot plant. Feasibility study to be completed by end 1980.

5. COAL

Black coal is second only to iron ore in value of production and export earnings. Natural reserves of black coal are estimated at not less than 200,000 million tons, brown coal at 66,700 million tons. New South Wales is the leading coal-producing state (1979: 50 million tons). Queensland, with the rapidly developing Bowen Basin, is also a major producer: 27 million tons in 1979, to rise to 33.4 million tons in 1980 and 61 million tons by 1985.