Significant exploration results are indicated (maiden resources are shown in blue text). This map provides a snap shot of exploration drill results and maiden resource announcements from July 2018 to June 2019.

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• At $250 million, exploration expenditure for undiscovered mineralisation in frontier regions (greenfields) was $907.4 million.

• The Australian Mineral Resources Association also advises that exploration expenditure for undiscovered mineralisation in greenfields (Figure 1) is around one quarter of the total exploration expenditure for the 2018–19 financial year.

• Total mineral exploration expenditure and drilling for 2018–19 was $2.45 billion, with a peak in Western Australia ($1.5 billion), followed by Queensland ($523.3 million) and South Australia ($250 million) (Figure 2).

• The largest expenditure for the 2018–19 financial year was for copper ($661 million), followed by iron ore ($373 million) and gold ($360 million) (Figure 3).

• The exploration expenditure by commodity (Figure 3) shows that the minerals that have received the most expenditure are copper, iron ore, and gold. The minerals that have received the least expenditure are diamonds and uranium.

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