

## WA Climbs On Hot Rocks Bandwagon

**W**estern Australia has climbed onto the hot rocks bandwagon with Premier Alan Carpenter calling for expressions of interest from companies wanting to develop geothermal energy projects.

Carpenter said there were early indications that there were isolated hot rock deposits near Moora, Eneabba and Bunbury, and larger areas from Carnarvon to Exmouth and around Geraldton, Broome and Derby.

He said the state government would legislate in 2007 to provide a clear legal framework for companies to pursue large-scale projects in WA.

“We want to attract investment in this zero emissions energy source so that we can add to our energy diversity and security and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in the long term”, he said. ■