





WA's seven wonders of the resources world



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Western Australia has been home to mining for centuries, evolving from ochre pits excavated by Aboriginal peoples for rituals, art and ceremonies, to a high-tech industry that can economically supply enormous quantities of resources worldwide. Global leadership in innovation and technology adoption has supported this growth. Here are seven of the best local examples.

DownUnder GeoSolutions' supercomputer

The most powerful supercomputer in the Southern Hemisphere is in a basement on Kings Park Road. DownUnder GeoSolutions' Bruce computer has 23 single precision petaflops of capacity and is used for geophysics calculations. DownUnder also invented a fluid-immersion system to keep servers cool replacing fans and chipping about 45 per cent off power costs.