



# Front of the Line New Lithium Production

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The DFS results are based upon the updated Grants Mineral Resource of 22 October 2018 and the update BP33 Mineral Resource Estimate of 6 November 2018. The Mineral Resource contains Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources. Whilst there is sufficient Measured & Indicated Mineral Resources to complete the production schedule during the 17-month payback period. There is a low level of geological confidence associated with the Inferred Mineral Resources and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of Indicated Mineral Resources or that the production target itself will be realised. The Inferred Mineral Resource is not the determining factor in determining the viability of the Finnis Project as the Inferred Mineral Resource represents only 4.4% of the production during the 17 month pay-back period in the Reserve Case. The DFS Reserve Case contains 14% Inferred material. The DFS does not rely upon additional Mineral Resources from the company's other prospects. Further drilling in 2019 is expected to improve the classification of all of the company's Mineral Resources.

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Unless otherwise stated, all cashflows are in Australian dollars, are undiscounted and are in real terms (not subject to inflation/escalation factors), and all years are calendar years.

## **Accuracy:**

The DFS has been prepared to an overall level of accuracy of approximately -15% to +15%. This judgement is made following consideration of the basis studies and the features outlined in the Cost Estimation Handbook Second Edition Monograph 27 AusIMM, The Minerals Institute.



A map of Australia is shown in the background. A red dot on the west coast indicates the location of the Finniss Lithium Project. Four blue arrows point from this dot towards the top left, top center, and top right of the slide. A large, tilted red stamp with the word 'APPROVED' in bold, black letters is overlaid on the bottom left of the map.

# Australia's next lithium producer

Core at the front of the line of new global lithium production

Regulatory approvals now in place to commence construction and operation of the Finniss Lithium Project

Highlights:

- Significant Resource increase in the next few weeks
- Strong update to Feasibility Study later this Quarter
- Advancing discussions with additional offtake and finance partners
- Well capitalised with \$4 million cash
- Can fund key milestones & deliver construction ready project in 2020

*\$25 million Enterprise Value (EV) offers huge upside for Approved, Construction-ready Project with Offtake and 175,000tpa Production*

# Finniss Lithium Project - Key Advantages

Core is developing one of Australia most capital-efficient and low-cost lithium projects

- High-grade lithium Resources
- 6.0 %  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  conc. produced at high lithium recovery +70%
- Simple DMS processing (no flotation)
  - Significantly decreases capex, finance cost, risk and opex
- Low capex (A\$73M) producing high revenues (A\$160M-A\$170M/y)
- Production 175,000tpa high-quality lithium concentrate with low iron
- Mine Location 25km from Australia's closest port to Asia and nearby Darwin capital city infrastructure



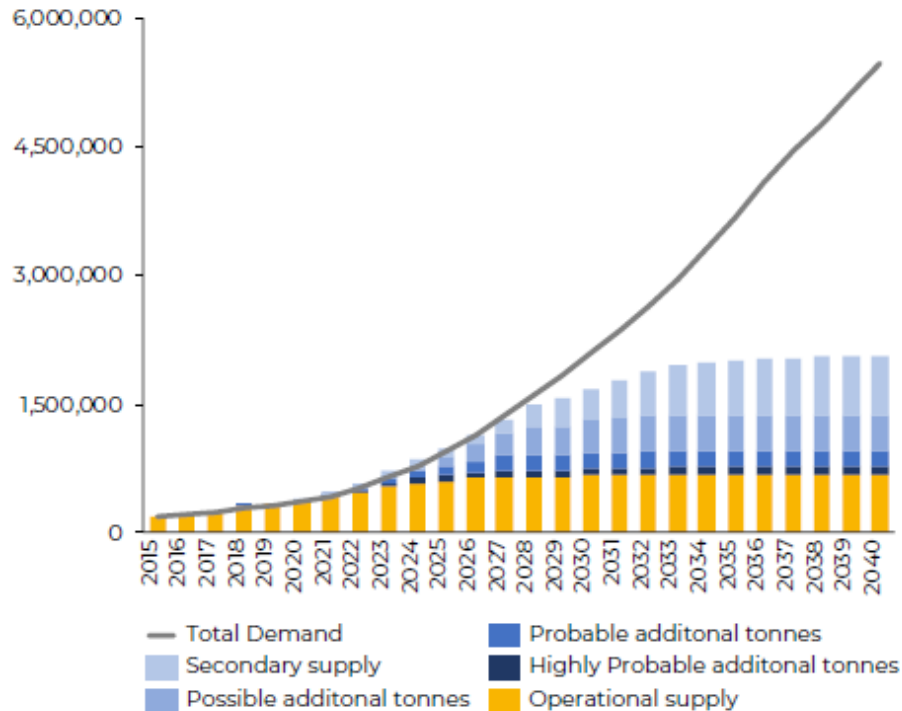
*The Finniss Project ticks all the boxes*

# Medium and long-term lithium demand increasing

Lithium converters and battery and car manufacturers positioning for significant EV sales growth

## Lithium Market Balance (tonnes LCE)

Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence (Q4 2019)



### Tesla secures land for European factory

Jan. 19, 2020 3:26 PM ET | About Tesla, Inc. (TSLA) | By: Clark Schultz, SA News Editor

DECEMBER 4, 2018

### SK Innovation announces new electric vehicle battery gigafactory in the US

Fred Lambert - Dec. 4th 2018 9:18 am ET | @FredLambert

### Northvolt-VW announces German gigafactory plan as battery maker signs first ESS contract

Published: 3 Dec 2019,

### BMW Group signs €540M supply contract with Ganfeng for lithium from mines in Australia

11 December 2019

### WoodMac: Volkswagen Will Be World's Biggest Electric Car Maker by 2030

Tesla will need to launch an entry-level vehicle if it's going to achieve its own market-share ambitions, according to new WoodMac research.

JOHN PARNELL | JANUARY 14, 2020

Press Release

24 October 2019 – 06:00pm CEST

### Umicore announces strategic supply agreement with Samsung SDI for NMC cathode materials

TECHNOLOGY NEWS | JANUARY 22, 2019 / 4:18 PM / 4 YEAR AGO

### Toyota, Panasonic announce battery venture to expand EV push

### Tesla's China Gigafactory will be the game-changer of 2020, predicts analyst

By Andy Alexander

Updated on January 1, 2020

*Medium- and long-term demand fundamentals outweigh short-term oversupply*

# Core Lithium and the Finniss Lithium Project

ASX Listed developer with advanced lithium assets 25km from Darwin Port in Northern Australia



- World demand for lithium batteries and EV's continues to grow YoY
  - 300% lithium demand increase 2020 to 2025
- The Finniss Lithium Project meets the lithium and EV markets needs due to:
  - Low Capex **US\$45M**
  - Low Transport and Operating Cost C1 Cash Opex **US\$300/t**
  - High Revenue approx. **(US\$110 million per annum)**
  - Producing 175,000tpa of High Quality / Low Iron Lithium Concentrate
  - Low Technical Risk
  - Sustainable and Responsible Sourcing
  - Higher Margin and Quicker Payback
- Lithium supply deficit is coming.....and Core is at the front of the line



# NT Government approvals received for Finniss Lithium Project

## Approval milestones

**2018**

Mineral Lease granted for Finniss Lithium project & key infrastructure

**2019**

Supplementary Environmental Impact Study (EIS) submitted

**2019 - 2020**

Submission & Approval of EIS & Mine Management Plan (MMP)

**2020**

Mine life extensions, remaining offtake & mine construction subject to finance





# Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) - April 2019

DFS was a snapshot in time - Finniss Lithium Project continues to evolve and grow

- DFS confirmed Finniss Lithium Project as robust, high-margin low-capex, lithium project
- 175,000tpa production capacity of high-quality lithium concentrate
  - Low Fe
  - Ideal coarse, low-moisture product
- DFS confirms low processing, mine, haulage and port costs
- EPC design, mining, haulage and crushing pricing tenders designed are being rolled into binding service contracts
- Targeting material extension from initial mine life in coming months through current resource drilling and mining studies

## Management Case Highlights



### Strong cashflow

High cashflow generated over initial project life



### Rapid payback

Payback <1.5 years from 1<sup>st</sup> conc.<sup>2</sup>



### Excellent Revenue

A\$160M Revenue per annum from 175,000tpa capacity



### Start-up capital cost

\$73m for process plant and infrastructure including A\$30m pre-strip development at Grants



### High rate of return

80% pre-tax IRR shows high profitability for shareholders<sup>2</sup>



### Low operating cost

US\$300/t<sup>1</sup> conc. delivers high margin

1. C1 Operating Costs are defined as direct cash operating costs of production FOB, net of by product credits, divided by the amount of payable spodumene concentrate. Direct cash operating costs include mining, processing, transport, treatment and refining costs. C1 Operating Costs exclude royalties and pre-strip mine development costs.

2. NPV has been discounted using a discount rate of 10% and NPV, IRR and Free Cash Flow are pre-tax nominal calculations. Payback is calculated from sale of first concentrate. Where nominal values are noted, costs and revenues are escalated at 2% CPI

# Mid-2020 Feasibility Update Objectives

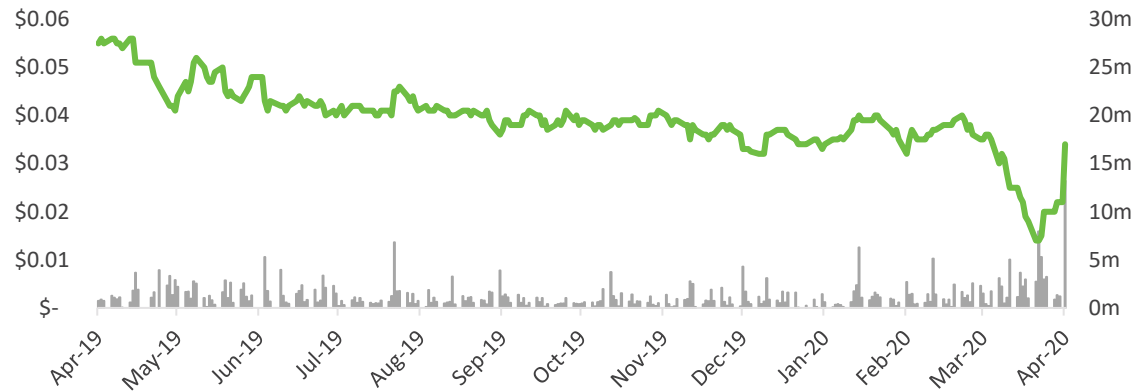
## Feasibility Update Objectives

Key Feasibility Metric	Apr-19 DFS	DFS Update Objectives
Ore Reserves	2.2Mt	Significant Increase
Project Mine Life	3.5 years	7 to 10 year target
Mining Method	Open Pit	Open Pit & Underground
Concentrate Product Quality	5.5%	5.8% - 6.0%
Product Recovery	+ 70%	+/- 5%
Start-Up Capital (CAPEX)	A\$73 million	+/- 5%
C1 Operating Cost (OPEX)	US\$300/t	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Quartile

*Result = Financeable project with strong shareholder returns*

# Corporate information

Share Price Performance Last Twelve Months



Board of Directors

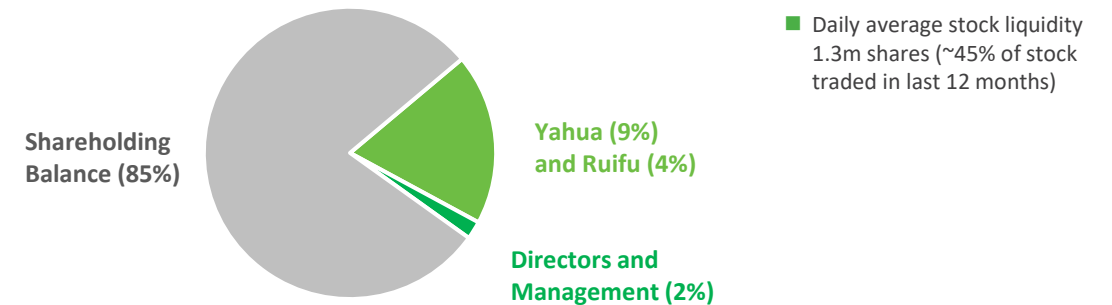
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<b>Non-Executive Director</b>	Heath Hellewell	<b>Metallurgical Advisor</b>	Noel O'Brien
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>	Malcolm McComas	<b>Commercial Marketing Manager</b>	Robert Sills
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Jarek Kopias	<b>Exploration Manager</b>	David Rawlings
		<b>Project Manager</b>	Sean Buxton

Management Team

Capital Structure (as at 3 April 2020)

Share Price	~A\$0.034
Shares on Issue	792.52M
<b>Market Capitalisation</b>	<b>~A\$27M</b>
Options and Rights Unlisted	72.82M
Cash (31 Dec 2019)	A\$4.0M
Debt Facilities	Nil
<b>Enterprise Value</b>	<b>~A\$23M</b>

Key Shareholder Composition (31 December 2019)





Prime location and  
valuable infrastructure  
available



*Excellent location & infrastructure advantages*

# Darwin Port

## Heads of Agreement



### **Core has agreement with Darwin Port to ship 250,000tpa of spodumene concentrate**

Darwin Port is Australia's nearest port to China

East Arm Wharf facilities at Darwin Port are well suited to handle potential future production from Core's lithium projects

Heads of Agreement signed with Darwin Port in respect of potential export of lithium products from Grants

Agreement provides Core with capacity to export up to either:

- 250ktpa of spodumene concentrate; or
- 1Mtpa of spodumene Direct Shipping Ore (DSO)

# Dense Media Separation (DMS) - no flotation circuit required

DMS avoids problems of other new lithium Australian flotation projects burdened by high capex, large debt and high finance cost and high operating cost (refer appendix)

- ✓ Simple DMS (Gravity) separation produces high quality lithium product
- ✓ 6.0%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  Concentrate produced at high 70% Recovery
- ✓ DMS Produces high-quality lithium concentrate low in iron <0.7% & other contaminants
- ✓ Coarse product with low-moisture content and good handling properties another advantage for customers





# High quality spodumene lithium concentrate

## Concentrate Quality

**Li<sub>2</sub>O concentrate** 5.8-6.0%

**Net Recoveries** +70%

Finniss Lithium Project - Fully Permitted DMS Plant



## Finniss Lithium Product Specifications

### Finniss Lithium Product

<u>Specification</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Typical</u>
Percentage < 0.1mm sizing	< 0.5%	-	1.0%	< 0.2%
Percentage < 0.5mm sizing	< 1.0%	-	3.0%	< 1.0%
Percentage > 1.0mm sizing	> 80%	75%	-	> 78%
P50 sizing	2.5mm	2.0mm	3.5mm	2.5mm
Max sizing	P <sub>100</sub> < 10mm	-	10mm	-
Moisture (H <sub>2</sub> O)	2.0%	-	3.0%	< 2.0%
Lithia (Li <sub>2</sub> O)	5.7%	5.0%	6.0%	> 5.5%
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<0.7%	-	1.0%	0.70%
Mica	<0.8%	-	3.0%	< 1.0%
Na <sub>2</sub> O	<1.0%	-	2.0%	1.3%
K <sub>2</sub> O	<1.0%	-	0.9%	< 0.7%
CaO + MgO + MnO (total)	<1.0%	-	2.0%	0.4%
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	<0.5%	-	1.0%	0.30%
S	<0.05%	-	0.05%	< 0.02%

# Binding offtake agreement

## Offtake and investment with some of China's Largest Lithium Converters

Binding offtake for 75,000tpa of spodumene representing approx. 40% of Core's 175,000tpa production capacity

Core is also in the process of negotiating further offtake and finance agreements with some of Asia's largest lithium consumers and producers.

### **Sichuan Yahua Industrial Group Co.,LTD**

- One of China's largest lithium producers and has significant expansion plans. 12,000tpa lithium hydroxide refinery and a 6,000tpa lithium carbonate refinery, plans to expand its production to 50,000tpa of lithium salt production.
- The company is an A-share listed company on the Shenzhen-stock exchange in China, with a market capitalisation of CNY 7.92 billion (~A\$1.65 billion).
- Yahua is a major supplier of lithium salts in China. Yahua Group has long term stable relationships with a number of the large downstream customers of lithium batteries and has broad marketing and distribution channels including BYD, Zhenghua Materials, Dangsheng Tech, etc., and has cooperation relationship with LG Korea, GSEM, Panasonic.
- Yahua Group already has significant business interests in Australia, including operations in Darwin, where it manufactures explosives.



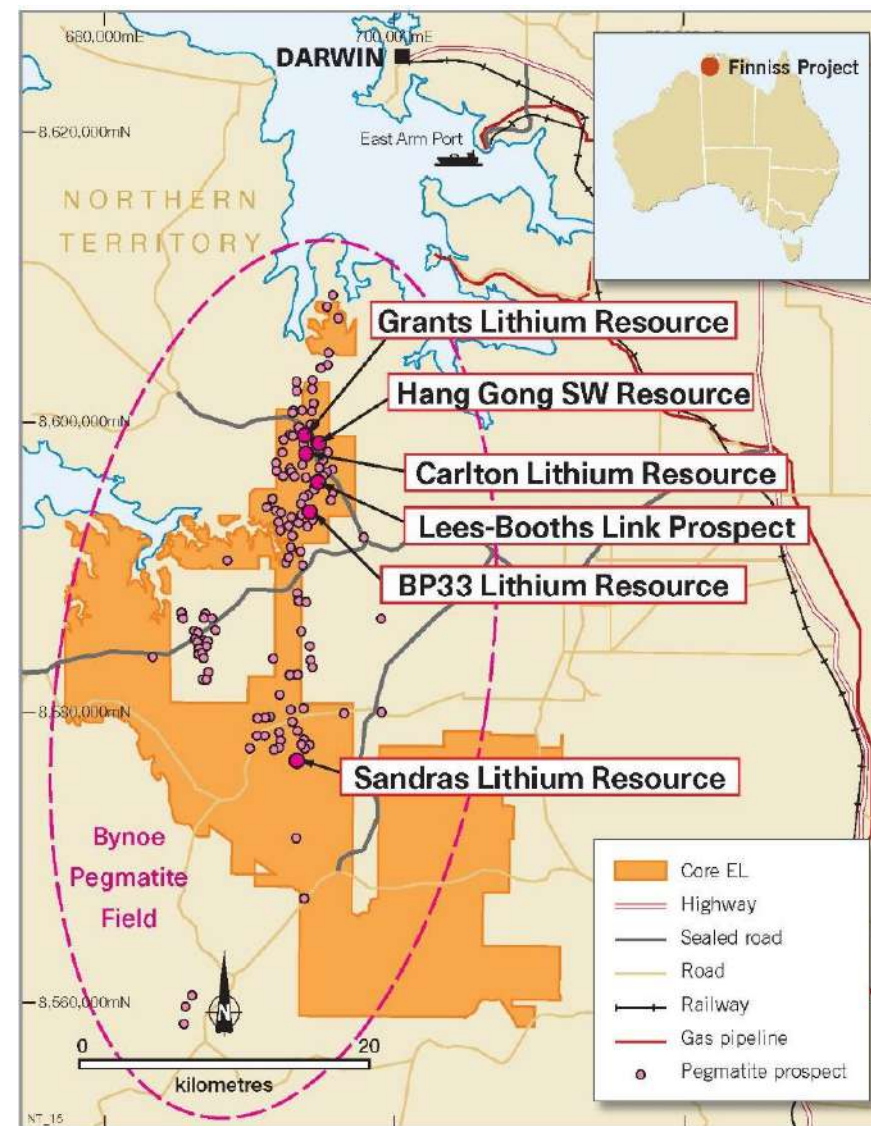
# Mineral Resources & Ore Reserves expansion

## Significant Upside

### Current Project Pipeline

**Pipeline** of high-grade lithium targets that formed the basis of recent resource drilling

**Current and Future Drilling Programs** leading to multiple Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve increases in 2020 and beyond

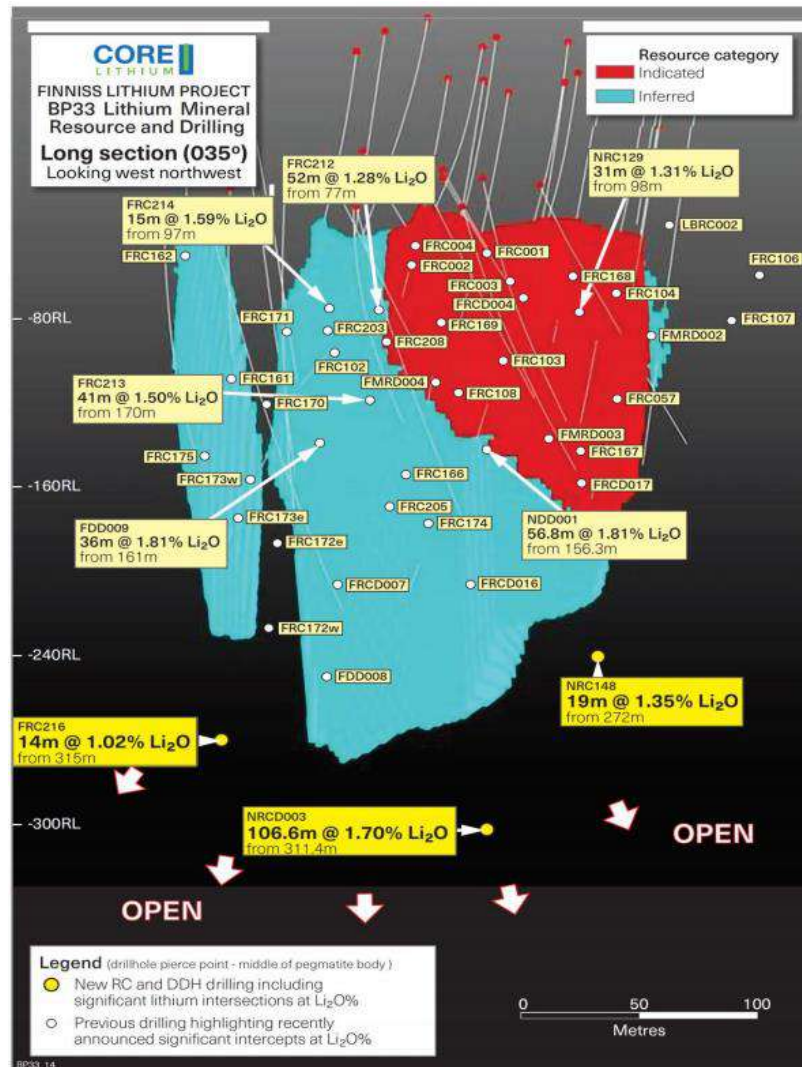


*500km<sup>2</sup> of tenure covering hundreds of pegmatites close to Darwin Port*



# Mineral Resources & Ore Reserves expansion BP33

Drilling programs leading to Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve increases in 2020



Thick intersections of high-grade spodumene pegmatite highlight consistent orebody quality

Recent high-grade drill intersections beneath current Mineral Resource envelope include:

- **107m @1.7% Li<sub>2</sub>O (NRC003)**
- 19m @1.35% Li<sub>2</sub>O (NRC148)
- 14m @1.02% Li<sub>2</sub>O (NRC216)

New drill results expected to substantially increase Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources at BP33, which still remains open at depth

# Mineral Resources & Ore Reserves expansion Carlton

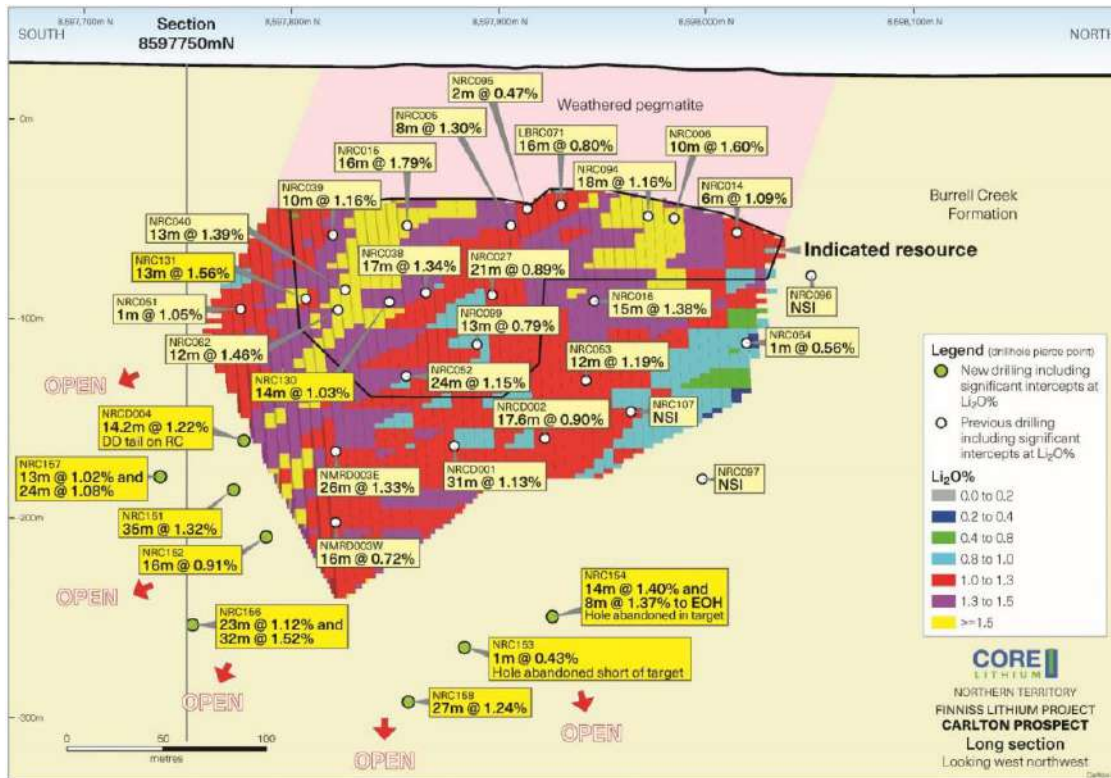
Drilling programs leading to Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve increases in 2020

**Wide intersections of spodumene pegmatite from recent drillholes at the Carlton Prospect**

**Recent high-grade drill intersections beneath current Mineral Resource envelope include:**

- **35m @1.32%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  (NRC151)**
- **32m @1.52% $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  & 23m @ 1.12%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  (NRC156)**
- 27m @1.24%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  including 4m @ 2.28% (NRC158)
- 24m @ 1.08% & 13m @ 1.02%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  (NRC 157)

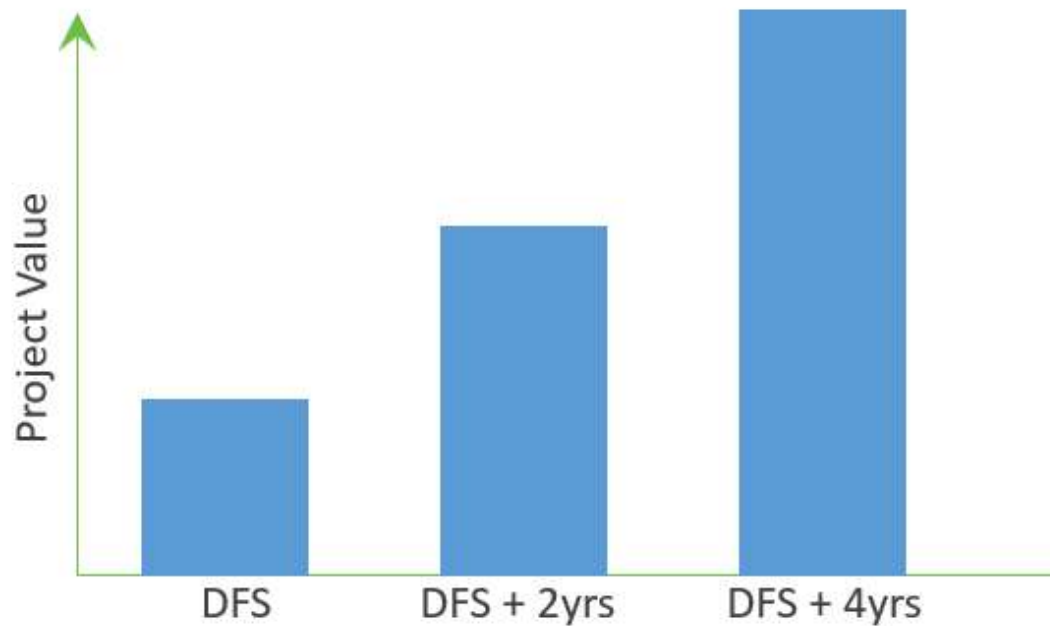
**New body spodumene pegmatite found to the east of Carlton which remains open at depth.**



# Mineral Resources & Ore Reserves expansion Mine Life

Mine studies and Mineral Resource / Ore Reserve upgrades underway toward increasing mine life

- DFS clearly showed that additional mine life has a significant upside economics
- Core recently completed Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve expansion drilling
- Mining studies in progress toward significantly increasing mine life



*DFS showed that even modest mine life extensions have a significant positive impact on project economics*



# Positioned at front of the line to be Australia's next lithium producer



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- ✓ Advancing discussions with additional offtake and finance partners
- ✓ Well capitalised and able to fund key milestones and deliver a construction ready project in 2020



# Thank you

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# Spodumene Concentrate Processing

