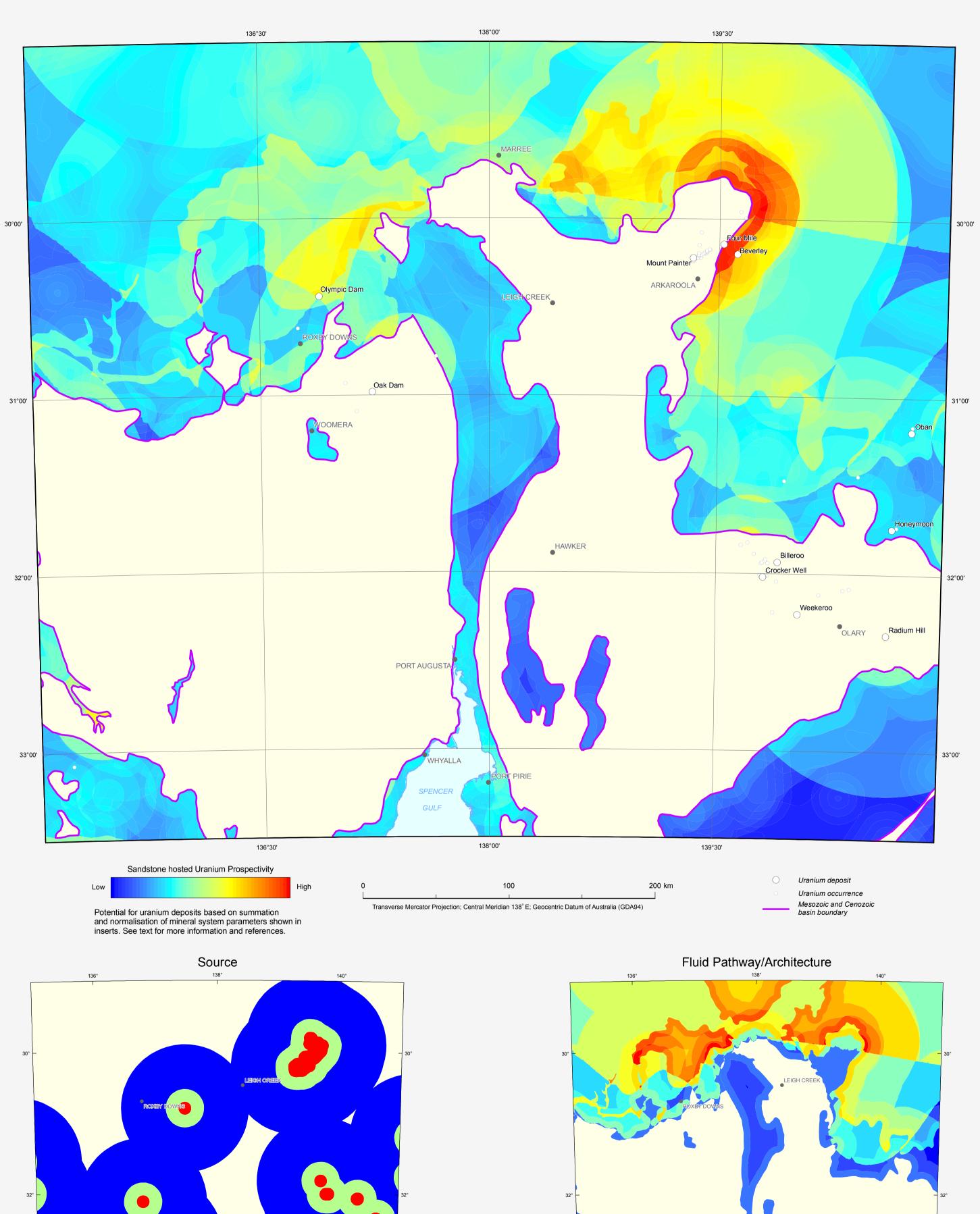
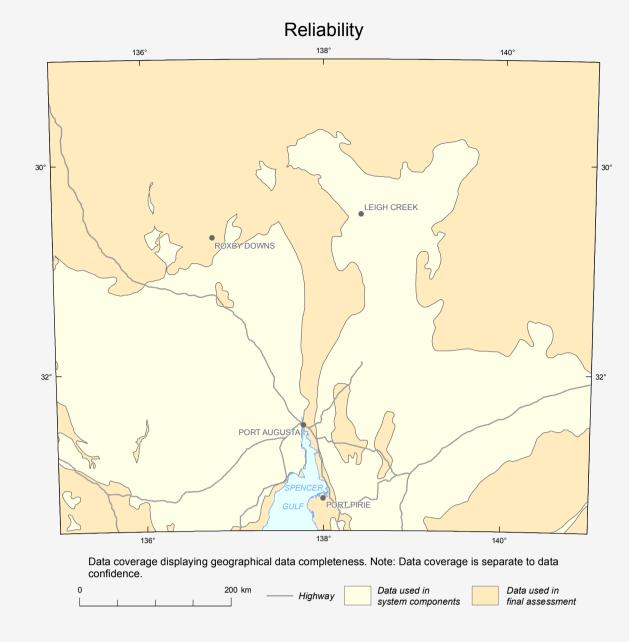
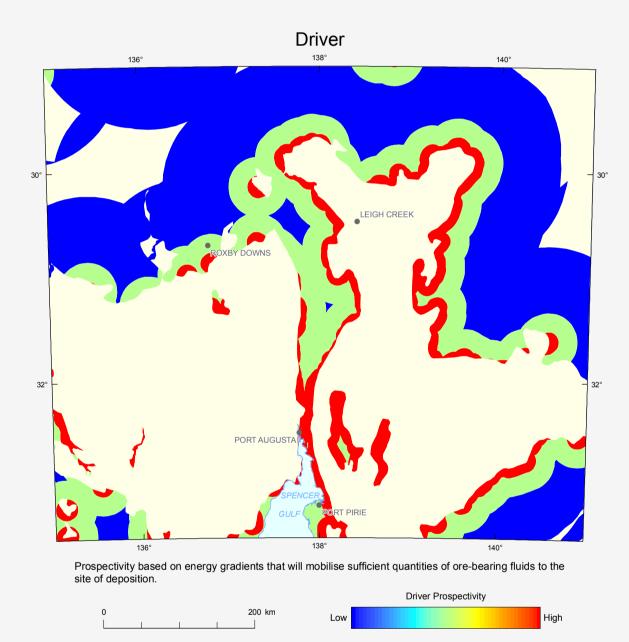
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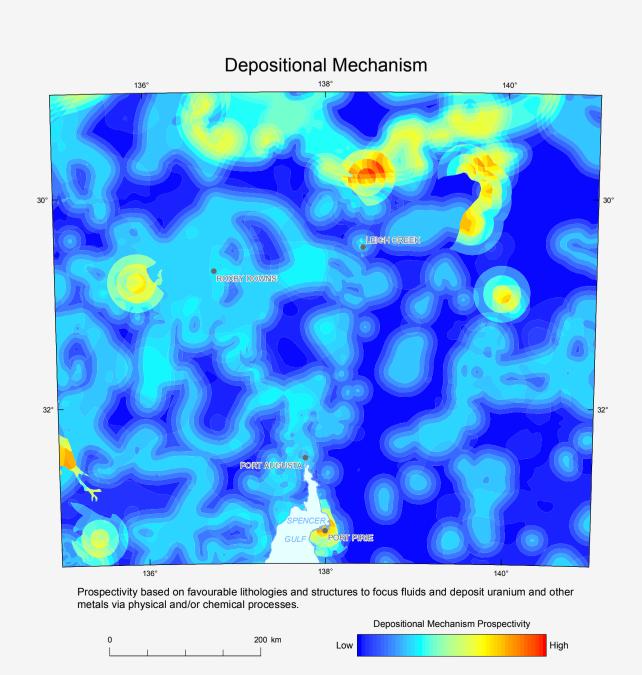
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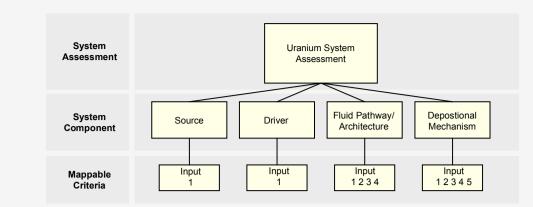








## Prospectivity Assessment Workflow



### **Energy Assessment Prospectivity**

The uranium system assessment is a function of four key mineral system components a) source, b) driver, c) fluid pathway/architecture, and (d) depositional mechanism. Each mineral system component is comprised of a varying number of inputs specific to the targeted mineral system assessment. This assessment is confined to Mesozoic and Cenozoic basins.

Potential for sources of uranium and other metals, mineralising fluids and other components needed for ore transport. The source weighting is calculated by combining the constituent mappable criteria listed below and normalised to the total number of mappable criteria. The input data are:

1) Presence of uranium-rich rocks as determined from radiometric data

Prospectivity based on energy gradients that will mobilise sufficient quantities of ore-bearing fluids to the site of deposition. The driver weighting is calculated by combining the constituent mappable criteria listed below and normalised to the total number of mappable criteria. The input data are:

1) Topographic slope in basement as derived from 9 second DEM and buffered into Cenozoic and Mesozoic basins

## Fluid Pathway/Architecture

Potential for favourable lithologies and structures that will enable movement of fluids to the site of ore deposition. The fluid pathway/architecture weighting is calculated by combining the constituent mappable criteria listed below and normalised to the total number of mappable criteria. The input

### 1) Distribution of Cenozoic basins 2) Distribution of Mesozoic basins

3) Distribution of the Algebuckina Formation

4) Distribution of the Cadna-Owie Formation

Depositional Mechanism

Potential for favourable lithologies and structures to focus fluids and deposit uranium and other metals via physical and/or chemical processes. The depositional mechanism weighting is calculated by combining the constituent mappable criteria listed below and normalised to the total number of mappable criteria. The input data are:

1) Distribution of redox gradients in groundwater

2) Distribution of pH gradients in groundwater 3) Location of EC anomalies in groundwater

4) Presence of Uranium rich sediments derived from radiometric imagery 5) Distribution of coal - and petroleum-bearing basins

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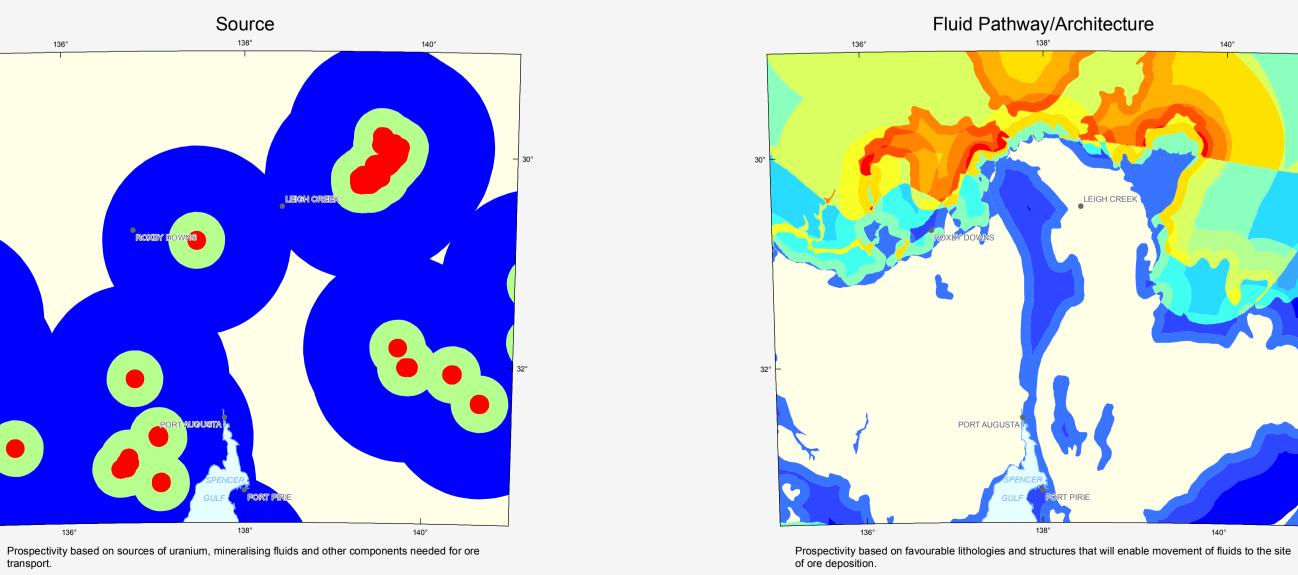




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PLATE 3.2



Source Prospectivity