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## **PROGRESSING EXPLORATION AT THE BELLTOPPER GOLD PROJECT, VICTORIA**

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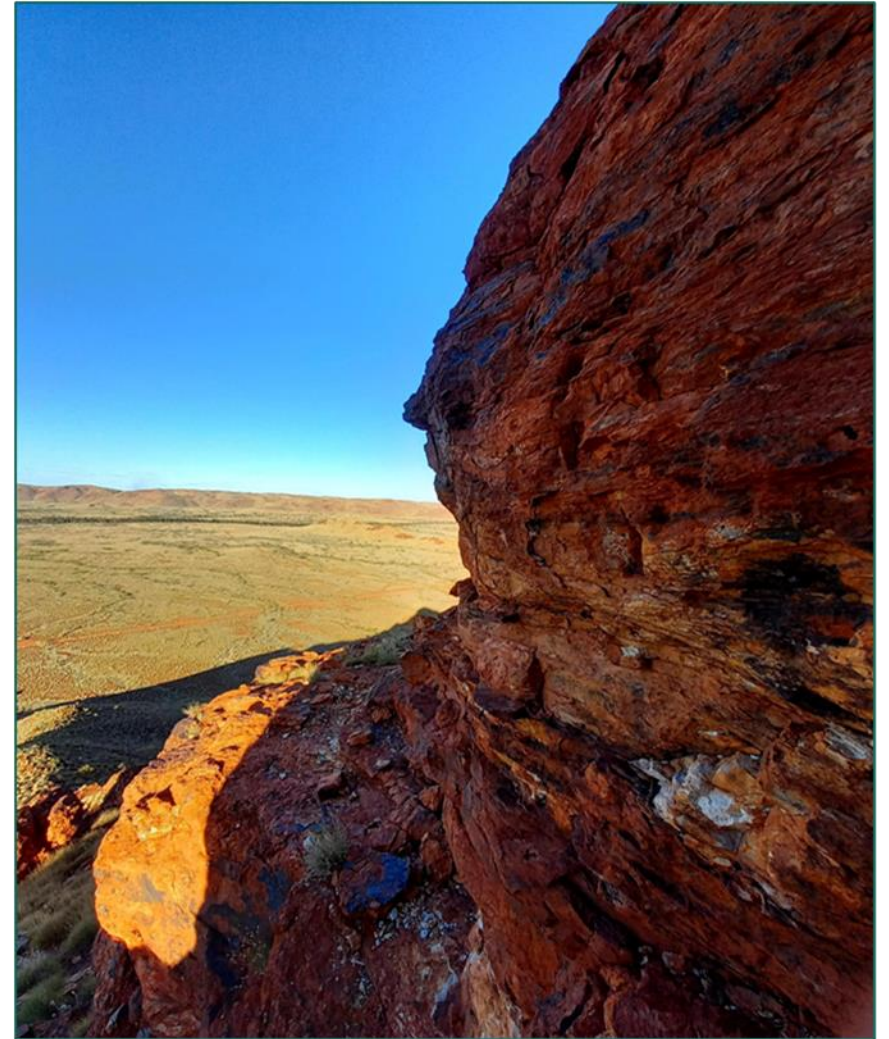


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# Seeking the Next Major Discovery

- Leading gold explorer focused on the **delivery of deposits with +1 Moz development potential**.
- **Exploration assets** in Victoria at the Belltopper Gold Project, south of Fosterville<sup>1</sup> in the Bendigo Tectonic Zone, a region with **historical production of +60 Moz Au**
- **Strong exploration progress and results delivered across Western Australian gold portfolio**, led by work completed in the Egina Gold Camp at Becher and Nunyerry North.
- **Compelling ~7,500 sq km Pilbara** exploration portfolio
- **A\$10 million investment and earn-in/joint venture** with **De Grey Mining** (ASX: DEG) (Egina JV)<sup>3</sup> highlights exciting potential of the Becher Project
- **Battery metal joint-ventures with SQM and Liatam Mining announced in December 2023 strengthen Novo's balance sheet with injection of ~ A\$12 million**<sup>2</sup>
- **Well-funded for executing planned exploration programs with ~A\$21 million in cash**<sup>4</sup> and **~A\$30 million in investment**<sup>5</sup>



1. No assurance can be given that a similar or any commercially mineable deposit will be determined at Novo's Belltopper Gold Project. 2. Refer to the Company's news releases dated 21 June 2023 and 28 June 2023. 3. Refer to Novo's news releases - 19 December 2023 and 21 December 2023. 4. The cash balance as at 31 January 2024. 5. The investment portfolio value was calculated using the spot price of the listed shares on 31 January 2024, the valuation of the unlisted shares are in line with management valuation as at December 2023.

# Novo Corporate Structure



| Novo                                     |                       | Current         |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Shares on Issue                          |                       | 353M            |
| <b>Market Capitalisation</b>             |                       | <b>A\$65M</b>   |
| Cash <sup>1</sup>                        |                       | A\$21M          |
| Marketable Securities                    |                       | A\$30.3M        |
| Debt                                     |                       | -               |
| <b>Enterprise Value</b>                  |                       | <b>A\$14M</b>   |
| Portfolio Valuation                      | Shares                | Valuation       |
| E3D (unlisted)                           | 2M common shares      | A\$21.5M        |
| Kalamazoo Resources (ASX:KZR)            | 10M ordinary shares   | A\$0.94M        |
| GBM Resources (ASX:GBZ)                  | 11.3M ordinary shares | A\$0.09M        |
| Calidus (ASX:CAI)                        | 1.35M ordinary shares | A\$0.26M        |
| Kali (ASX:KM1)                           | 0.57M ordinary shares | A\$0.26M        |
| San Cristobal Mining Inc. (unlisted)     | 2M common shares      | A\$7.28M        |
| <b>Total Portfolio Value<sup>3</sup></b> |                       | <b>A\$30.3M</b> |

| Substantial Shareholders <sup>2</sup>          | %    |
|--|------|
| De Grey Mining Ltd                             | 9.9% |
| Liatam Mining Pty Ltd                          | 6.2% |
| IMC (Singapore)                                | 5.8% |
| Mark Creasy/Creasy Group                       | 4.4% |
| First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Limited | 3.6% |
| Crescat  | 3.2% |
| Max & Gaylene Munday                           | 2.5% |
| Harmanis Holdings Pty Ltd                      | 1.5% |
| GBM Resources Ltd                              | 1.2% |
| Donald Smith Value Fund LP                     | 1.1% |

Please note the top 10 shareholders list excludes any Non-objective beneficial owners and Objective beneficial owners of TSX shares.

# ESG Supports Exploration Delivery<sup>1</sup>

*Novo is committed to delivering value to our stakeholders by operating in a responsible and sustainable manner.*

**Our approach to sustainability is built around three key pillars, which integrate all aspects of our operations.**

## **Operating with Integrity:**

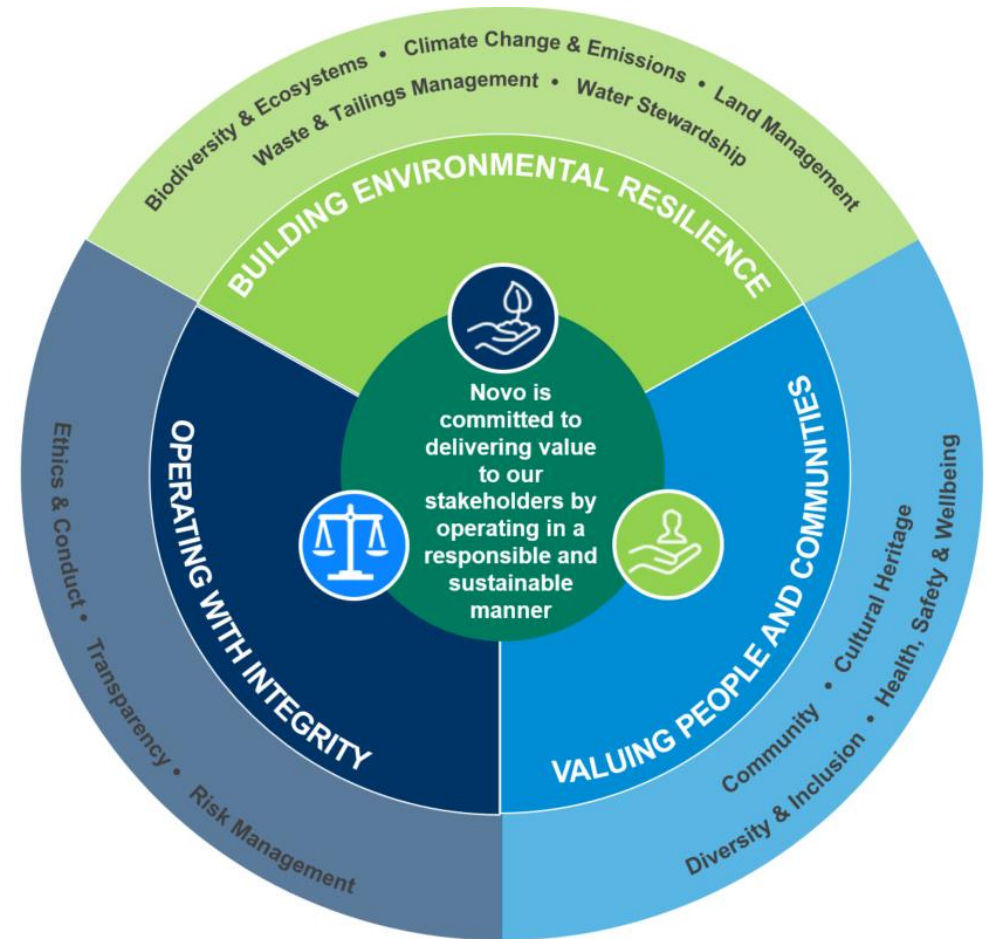
We believe strong corporate governance is essential to the success of our business. We honour our commitments, and act in an ethical and transparent manner.

## **Valuing our People and Communities:**

We seek to create an inclusive environment, and a culture that supports the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees. We respect culture, heritage and aim to make a positive contribution to the communities in which we operate.

## **Building Environmental Resilience:**

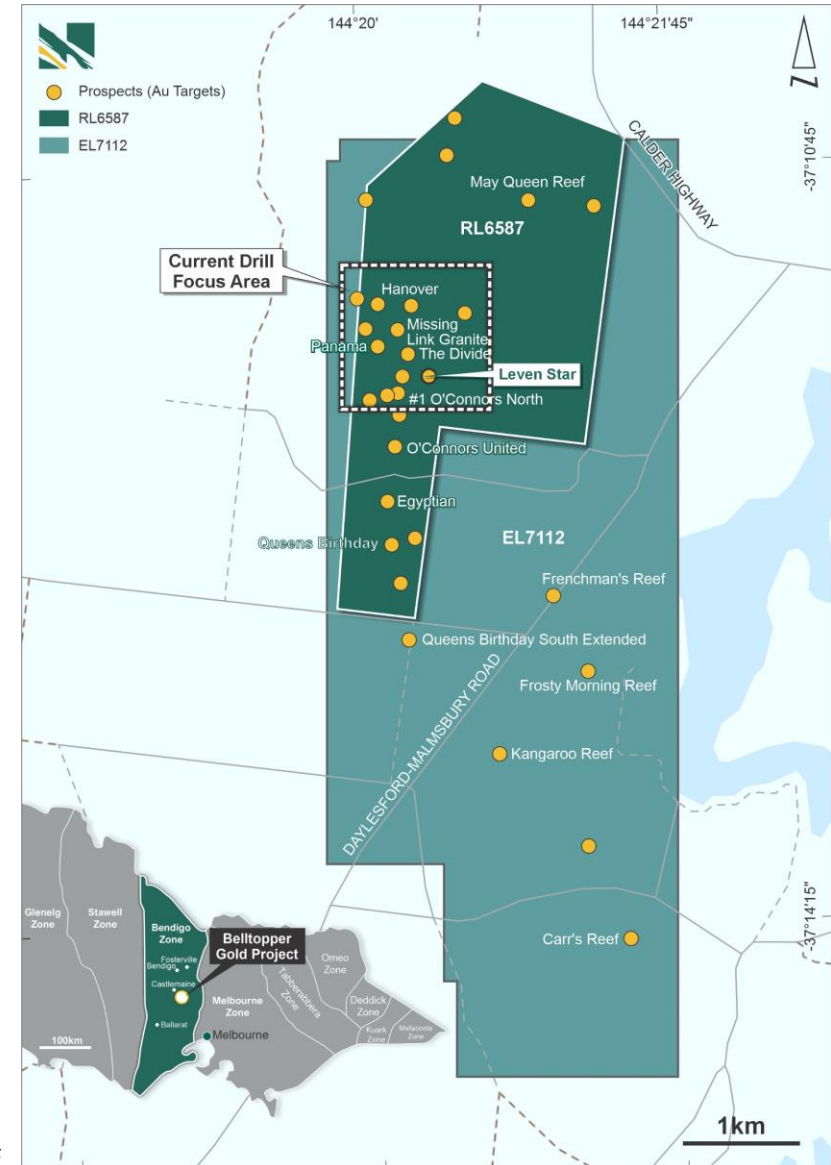
We recognise the importance of environmental stewardship and seek to understand and manage our impact on the environment.



# Belltopper Gold Project<sup>1</sup>

- Central Victorian Goldfields, **Bendigo Tectonic Zone**, where over 60 Moz Au has been produced historically
- ~50 km south of Agnico Eagle's Fosterville Gold Mine
- 100% owned by Novo after acquiring remaining 50% interests in the Malmsbury and Queens Projects in April 2023
- Novo geologists have recognised multiple mineralisation styles and high-grade gold targets, within a corridor of alteration that hosts a network of gold reefs and the mineralised Missing Link Intrusion
- Belltopper displays characteristics of the **epizonal orogenic gold deposit class comparable to Fosterville**

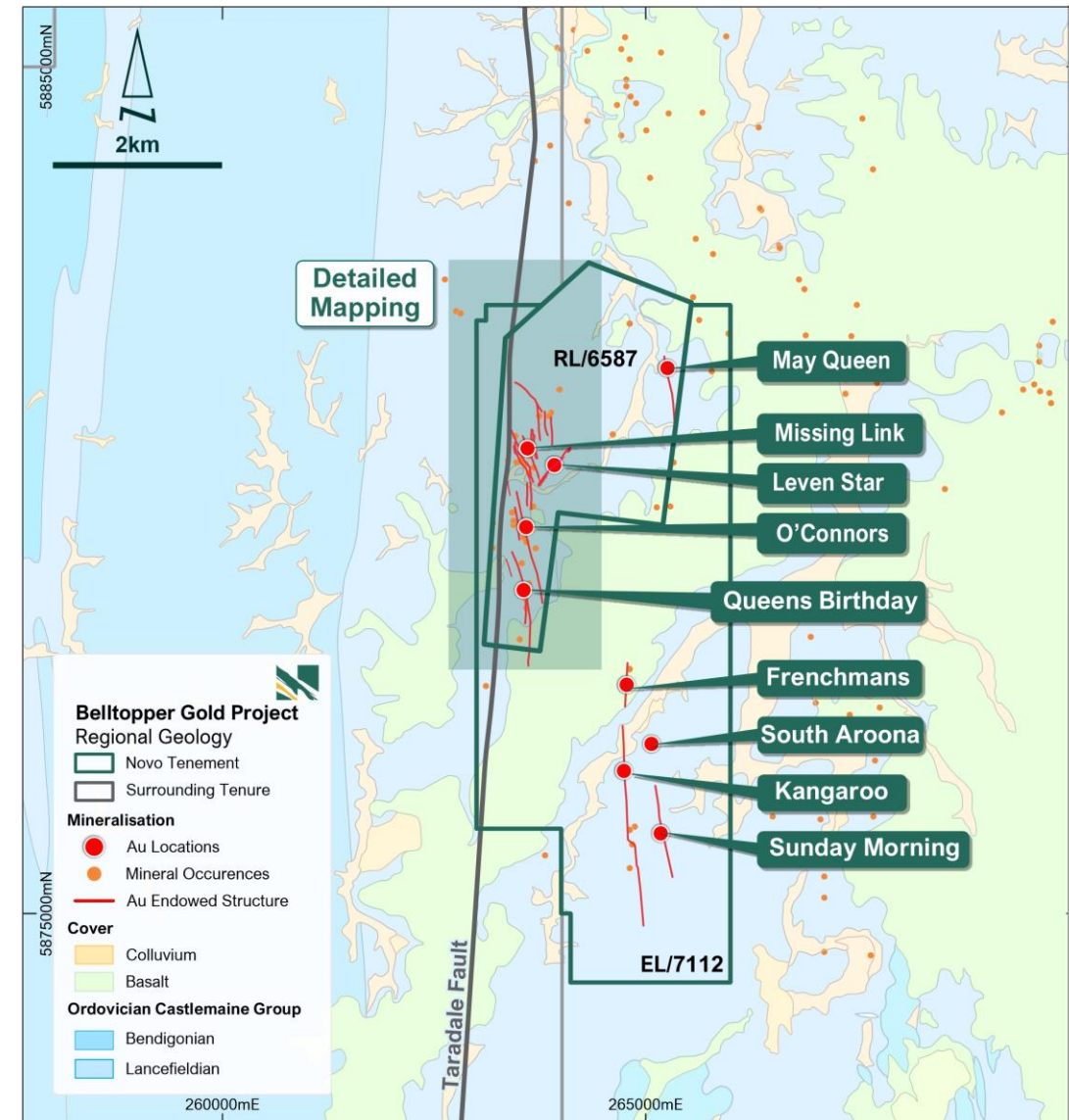
*Belltopper Gold Project tenure with regional geology and gold reef systems*



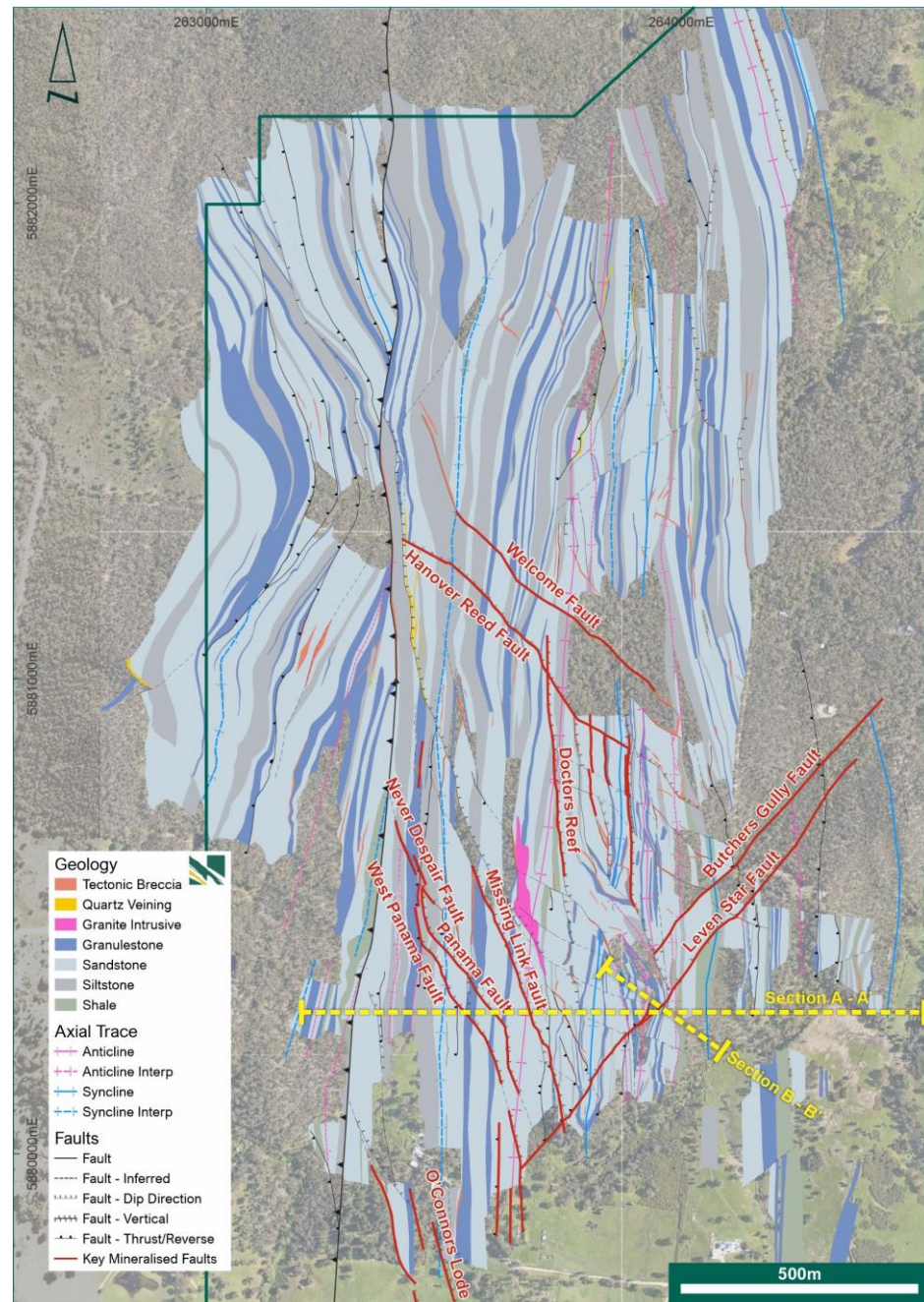


# Project Geology

- Bendigo Tectonic Zone (well endowed with gold)
  - **Fosterville gold mine**; Bendigo, Ballarat & Castlemaine Goldfields<sup>1</sup>
- Folded, Ordovician Sediments (Castlemaine Group)
  - Sandstone, siltstone, shale & granulestone
  - **Gold bearing late-Devonian porphyritic intrusive**
  - **High-grade epizonal Au-(Sb) reefs**
- Historic gold mining ca. 1850's – 1900's
  - Narrow, high-grade reefs (N-S, NNW)
  - Reef production ca. 100,000 oz<sup>2</sup>
  - Deep lead and shallow alluvial workings
- **Dense network reefs in N-S corridor adjacent Taradale (High Priority Target Area)**
- **Tertiary basalt cover – “Blind,” basement targets**



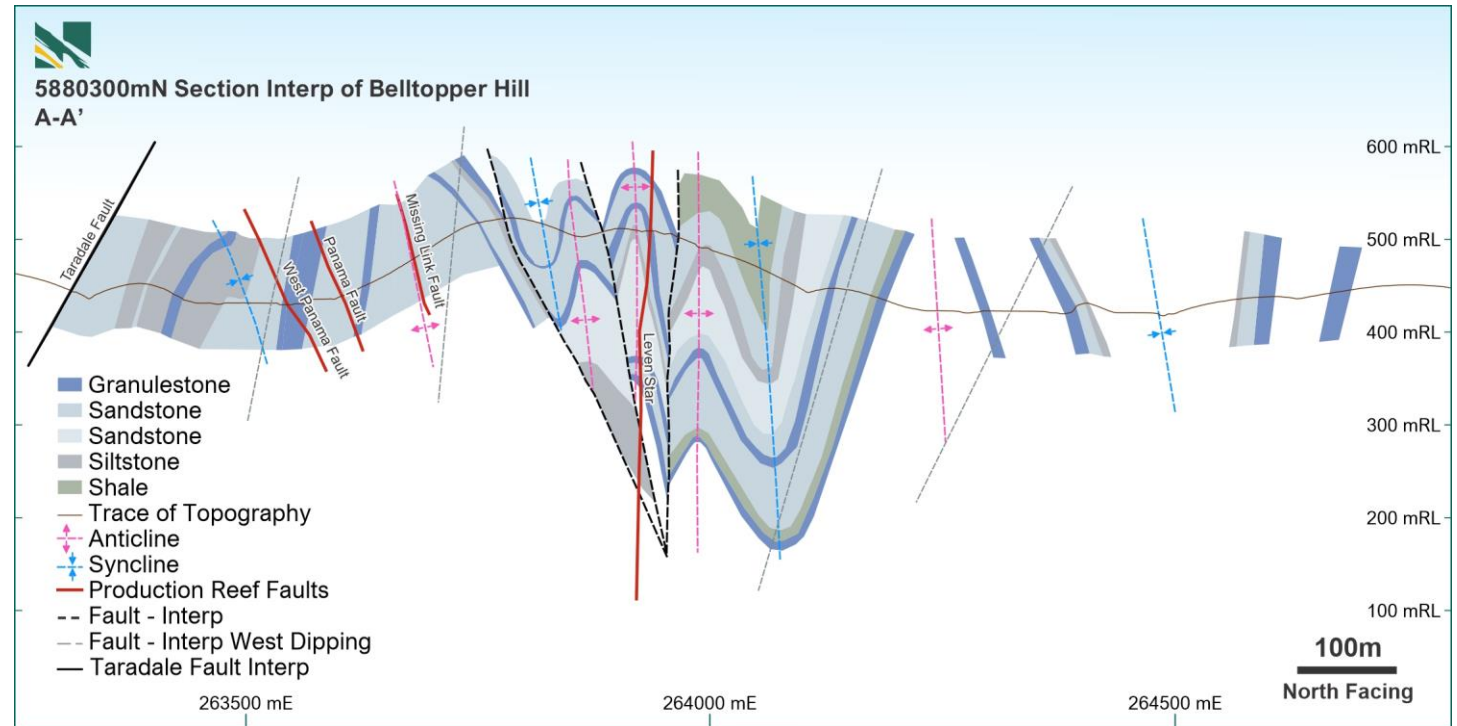




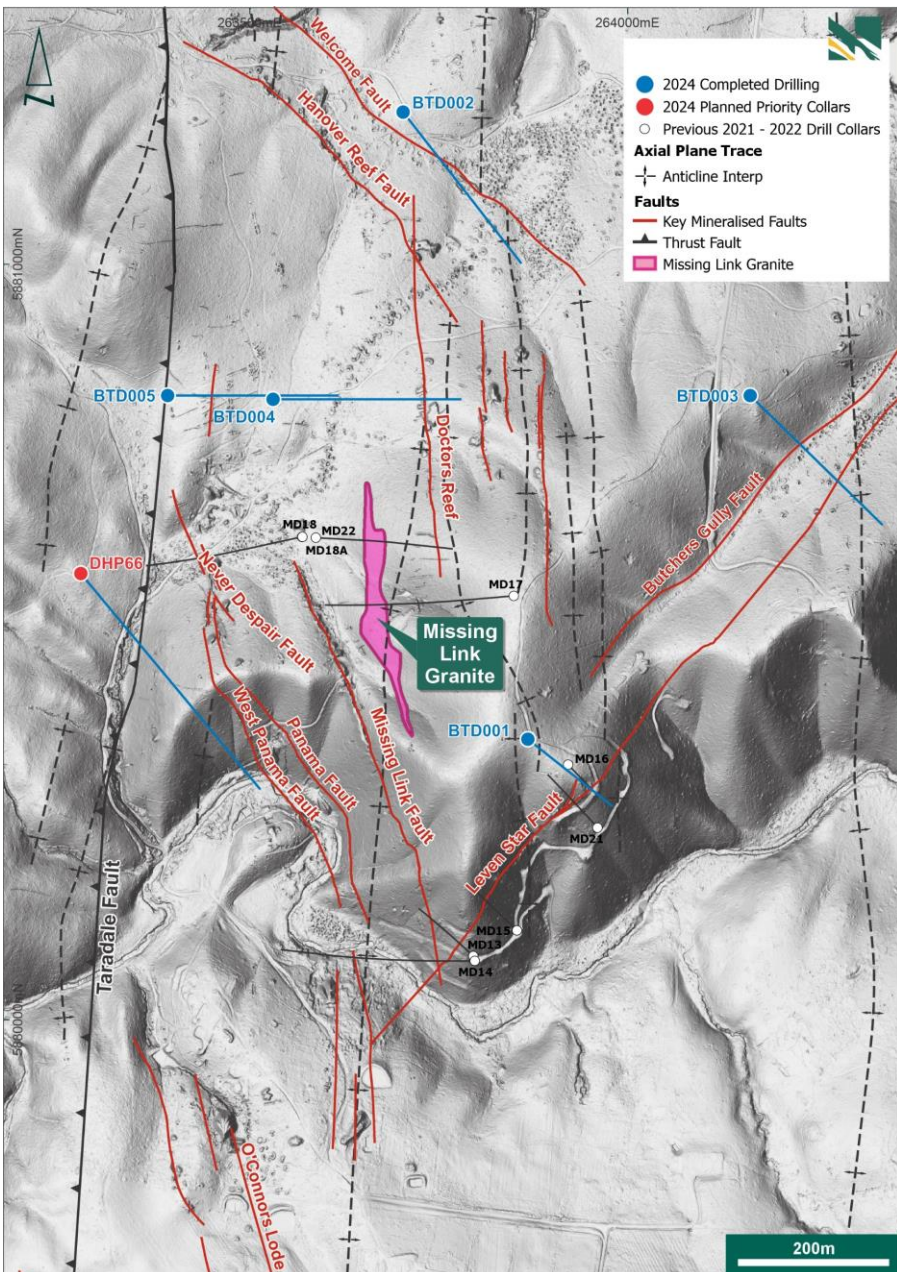
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# Belltopper Local Geology







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# Recent Exploration – H2 2023/H1 2024

- Synthesised all exploration data
- Updated geology, structural framework & prospectivity models
- Completed a detailed targeting exercise
  - Engaged specialists (structure, geophysics, geochemistry)
- Drill hole planning & permitting

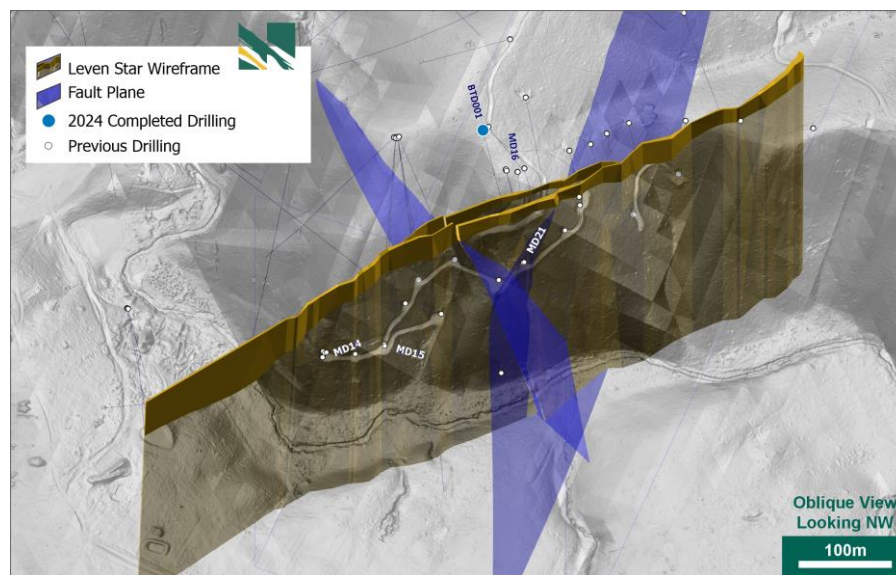


- **Currently drilling**
- 6 planned diamond holes (HQ), 2300 m – In Progress (~80%)
- Starwest contracted
- **Remainder of talk to focus on current diamond program**

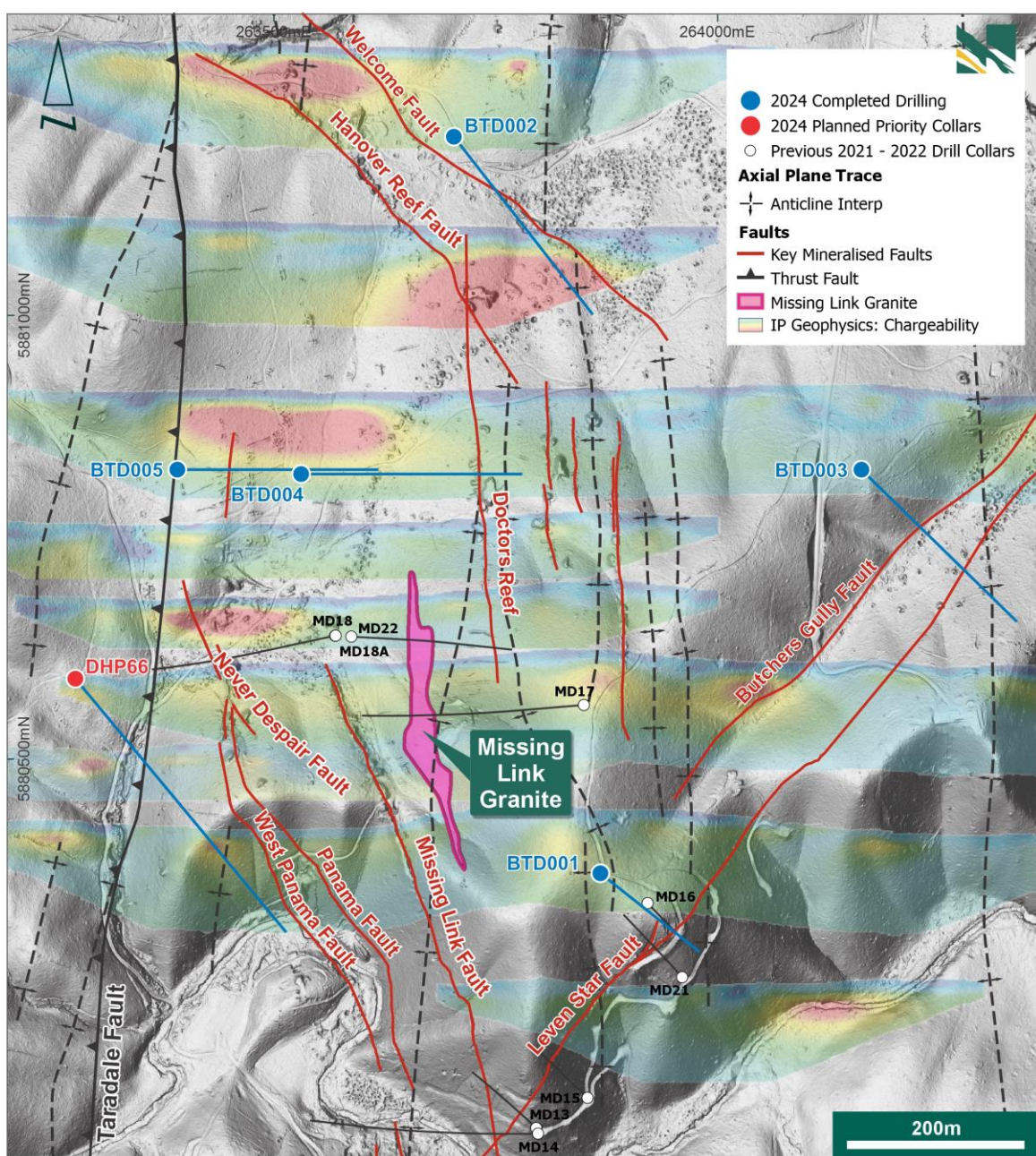


# Current Program Objectives

- Test **key target anticline** corridors
  - Fosterville – style<sup>1</sup> mineralisation potential
  - Anticline – reef / fault intersections
- Test **highest tenor IP** chargeability anomalies
- Test **best surface** and sub-surface zones of anomalous **geochemistry**



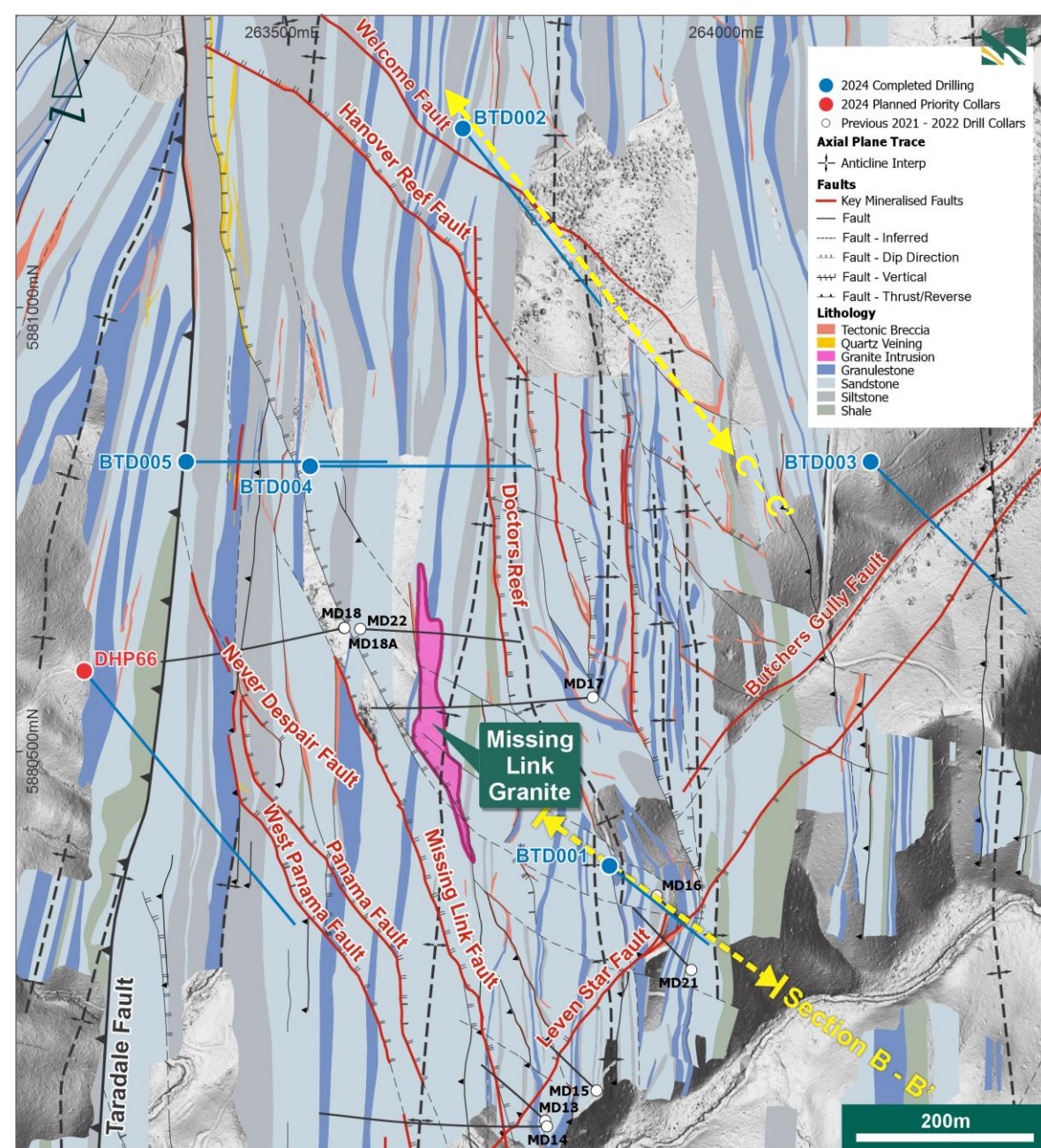
- **Test Leven Star**  
(Inferred Mineral Resource of 0.82 Mt @ 3.95 g/t Au for 104 koz Au – JORC 2012)<sup>2</sup>
- Targeting high grade zone
- Targeting extension or step-over to NE (Butcher's Gully Fault)



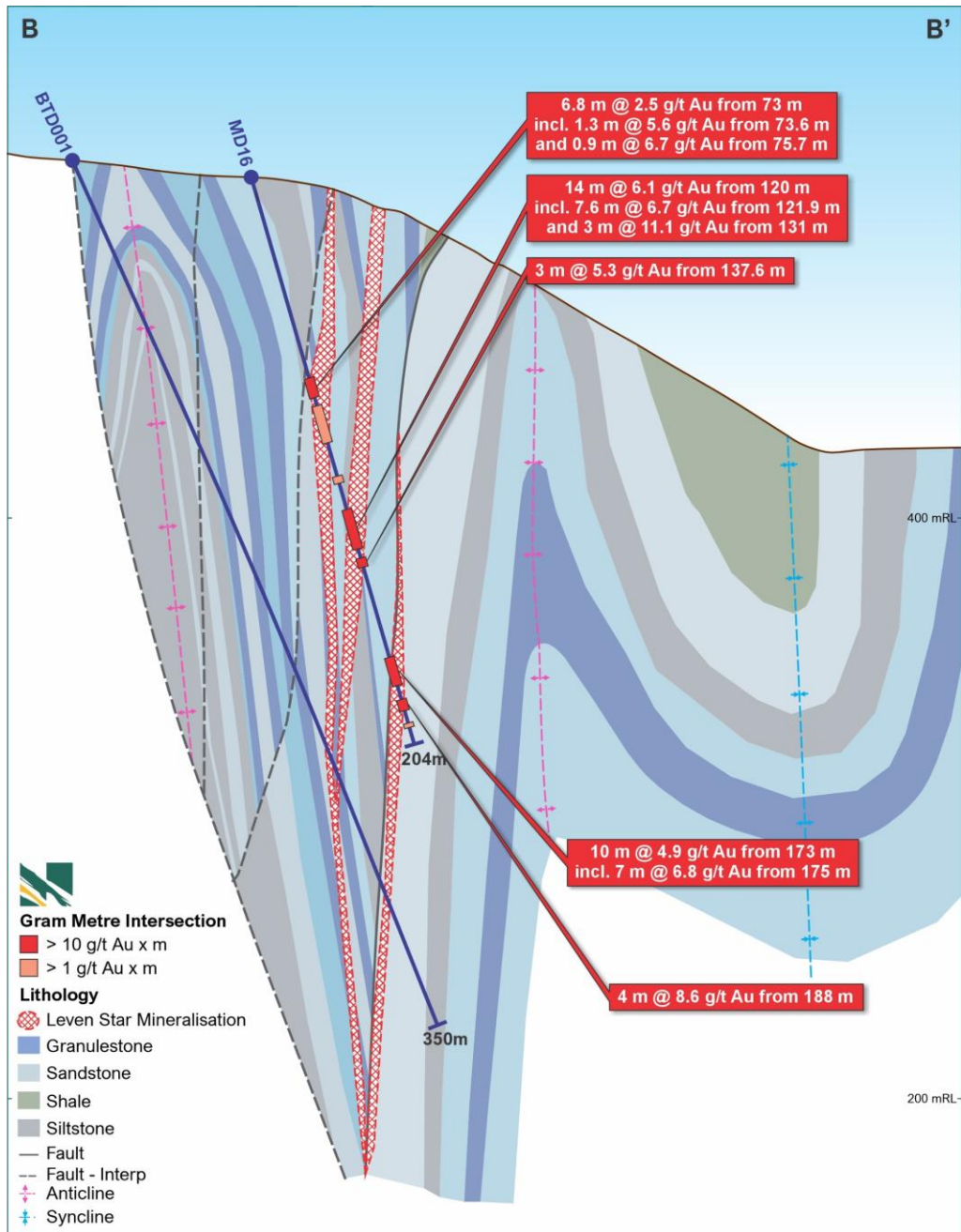


# BTD001 to BTD003 (Assays Pending)

- Visual indications in BTD001 for Leven Star zone intersected up to 110 m down-dip of MD16
  - Structurally thickened – Developing shoot potential
- Narrow fault breccia in BTD003 correlate with Butcher's Gully target
  - Implications for targeting additional NE structures on project
- Potential new structure in BTD002 (Welcome Fault)
  - Parallel reef to NE-dipping Hanover Reef (also intersected)
  - May explain one of our larger IP target anomalies
  - Potential for “stacked reef” target - New (+ km) target corridor ?
- Validated key target anticline corridors
  - Qtz saddle reef interpreted in BTD002 – Bendigo style?
  - Thin pegmatite? veins in BTD002, lamprophyre in BTD003
- Numerous (<1 m) laminated/brecciated W-dip qtz veins/fault
  - Key component Fosterville model
  - Require modelling to ascertain whether valid targets up/down-dip
- Ongoing improvement to geology & targeting model







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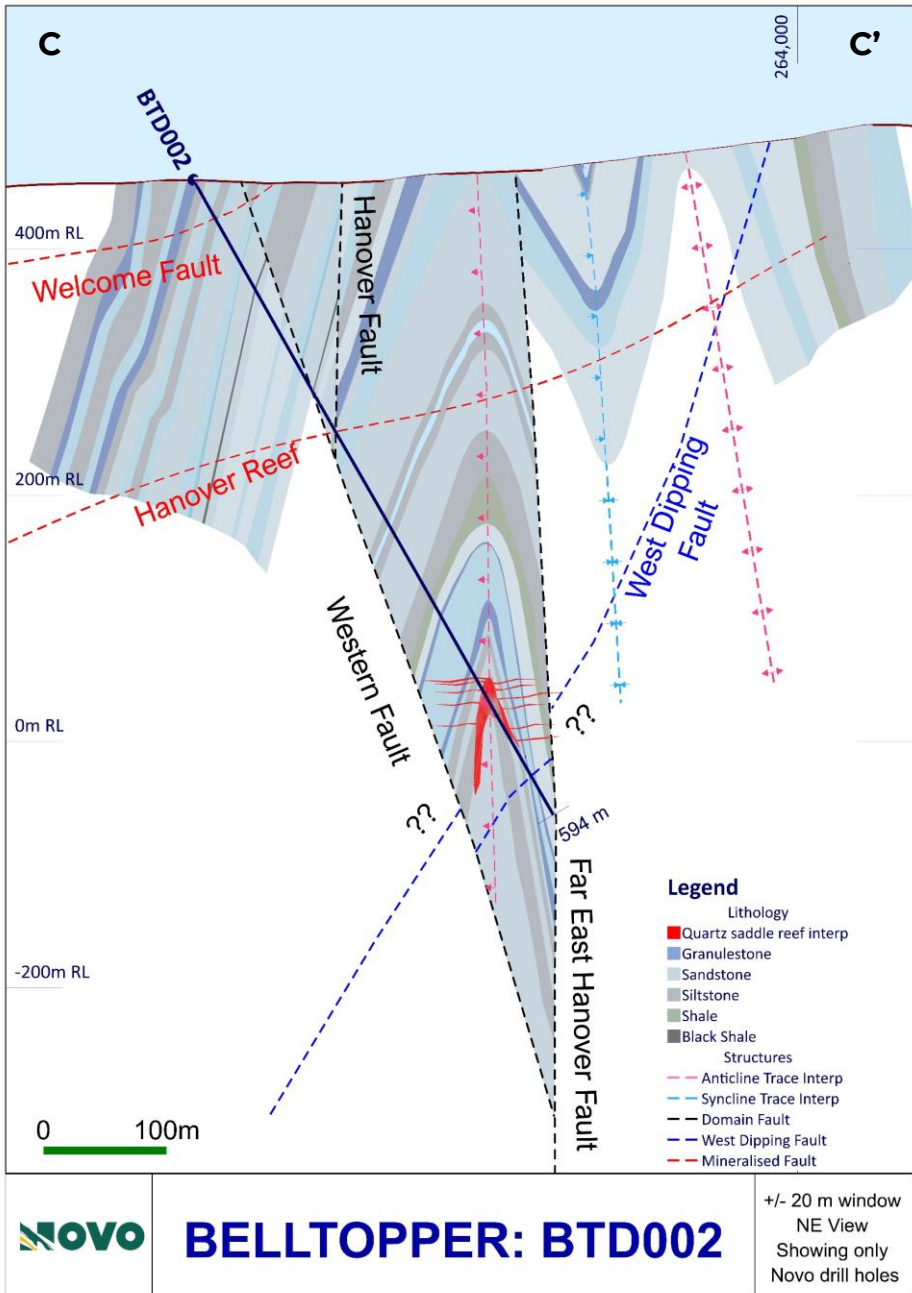
# Leven Star – BTD001 (Assays Pending)

- Modelled down-dip gold mineralized zones from MD16 correlate with breccia, quartz veining and intense sericite alteration in BTD001 consistent with Leven Star mineralisation

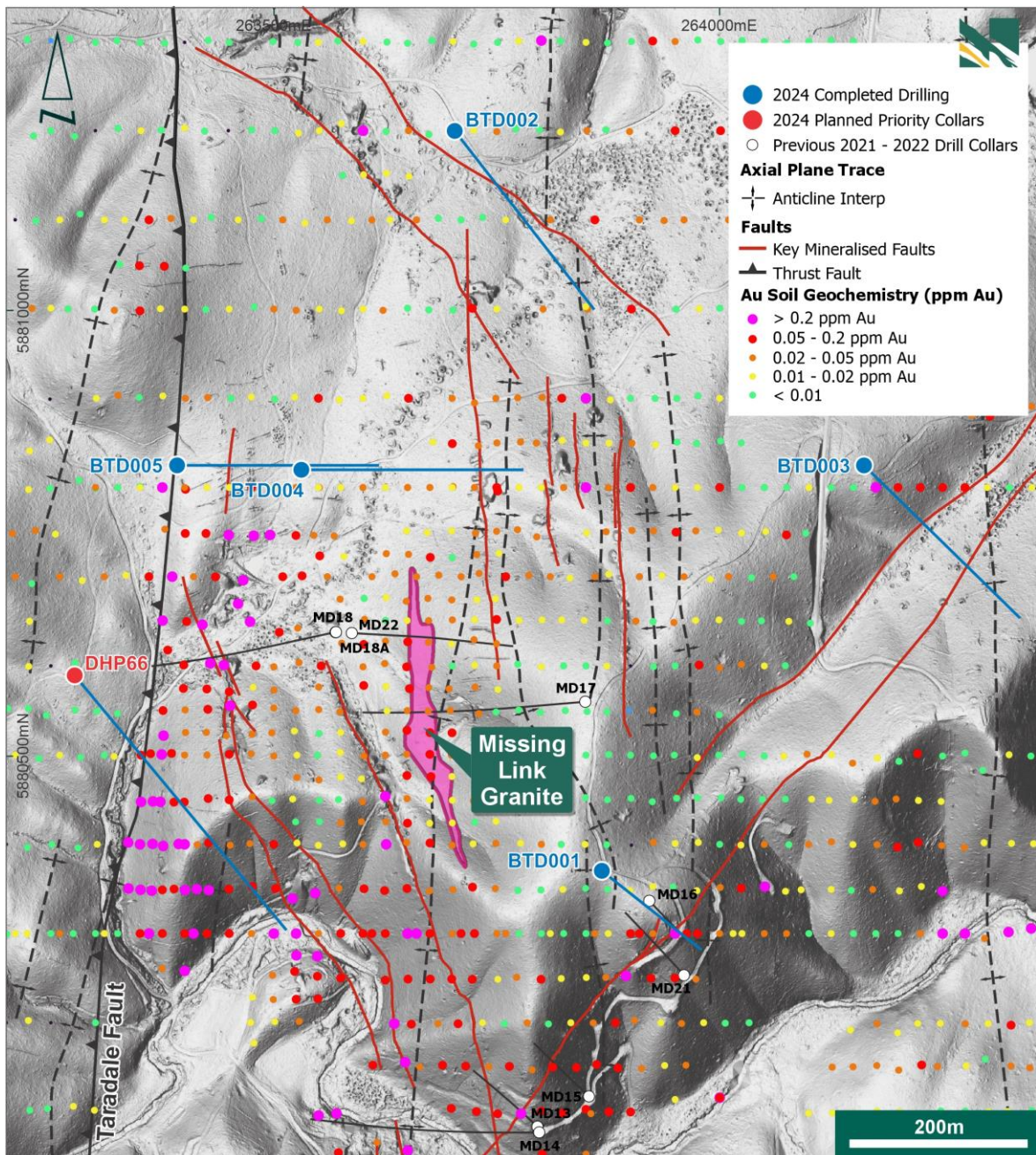


# Belltopper North - BTD002 (Assays Pending)

- Potential new structure – Welcome Fault
  - ~ 5 m zone of intensely altered sediments
- Intersection of wide zone alteration ca. 100m (Hanover Fault?)
- Concept of stacked, mod-steep NE-dipping reefs consistent with previous work
  - Opens +km, wide target corridor
  - Only one hole into corridor (BTD002) – effectively untested
- Belltopper North anticline target validated
  - *Intersected farther to east (i.e. deeper down hole) than predicted*
  - Developing model for fault off-set (and repetition) of target anticlines
- Quartz saddle reef interpreted in hinge zone
  - ~100 m interval of quartz veining, oblique component inferred
  - Evidence for Bendigo-style saddle reef formations
  - Thin intrusive-related vein occurrences
- Multiple west-dipping laminated qtz veins/faults







# 2024 Exploration Focus

- Complete current diamond drilling program
- Key IP chargeability and strongest geochemical anomalies remain to be drill tested
- Assays to be reported throughout H1, 2024
- Historic core re-logging & assaying:
  - Key under-sampled holes in target areas
  - Require additional sampling & logging
- Additional mapping & surface sampling in priority target areas with new access
- Plan second diamond program for H2
  - Follow up assays
  - Drill test remaining high-priority targets under newly approved work program !



# Access & Community Engagement

- Unique challenges but opportunities for positive engagement
- Active in the community & a strong desire to build and foster good relationships with key stakeholders
- Uptick in new access agreements with several landowners
- Recent new work plan approved
  - Access to additional untested P1 drill targets
- Focussed on ensuring excellent and timely rehabilitation practices
- Current sponsor for local events
  - Castlemaine Gift (Sun Feb 25<sup>th</sup>):  
<https://castlemainegift.org.au/>
  - Castlemaine Art Museum (Stoneworks Exhibition):  
<https://castlemaineartmuseum.org.au/exhibitions/stonework>





# Key Take Home Message

- *Focused on completing current diamond program safely, efficiently and in-line with Novo's strong ESG principals*
- *Positive response from key stakeholders and the community around current exploration*
- *Drilling is providing strong validation of the geology and targeting model – and generating multiple follow-up targets*
- *New targets discovered*
- *Assays to be reported throughout H1, 2024*
- *Planning underway for follow up program*
  - *Follow up key intercepts from current program (pending final assays)*
  - *New collars permitted to test remaining P1 targets on **recently approved work plan***







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