

High hopes of gold rush

A NEW drilling program north of Bendigo hopes to make the next big Victorian gold find.

Minister for Energy and Resources Michael O'Brien yesterday launched the Navarre Minerals campaign, which will carry out 13,000m of air-core and diamond drilling at its Tandarra prospect.

Mr O'Brien said companies still invested in gold exploration in Victoria, with 80 million ounces of gold being produced in the state since the 1850s.