

Gold search in farming area

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MINING magnate Gina Rinehart is trying to find a new goldfield under Victorian farms.

Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting will spend \$4.2 million on a half-share of a gold exploration project between Mitiamo and Raywood, north of Bendigo.

Australian gold explorer Tom Burrowes and exploration firm Catalyst Metals has been drilling in a 5km by 4km area for several years.

Perth miner Catalyst claims its Four Eagles Gold Project has found gold 100m below wheat and canola paddocks.



Watchful: Gina Rinehart has eyes for gold in central Victoria.

Navarre Minerals, based in Stawell, has recently off-loaded some of its interests in a similar find at Tandarra, north of Bendigo, to Catalyst.

The exploration companies believe the Bendigo gold reef, one of the richest the world has ever seen, extends well north of Bendigo.