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Boffin in charge

IN WHAT Nick Sheard has described as “a real coup for Carpentaria Exploration”, the Brisbane-based explorer yesterday appointed **Dr Neil Williams** – the former head of Geoscience Australia and previously MIM’s top geologist – as a new, non-executive director.

Based in Canberra, Dr Williams was the longest-serving CEO of Australia’s top geoscience agency and won the Australian Public Service Medal in 2006 for his efforts.

Dr Williams has represented the Australian Government on the Snowy Mountains Council and also served as the chairman of Australian Marine Science and Technology.

The market appeared to be encouraged by the news, with the Carpentaria share price closing half a cent higher at 19.5¢, near the giddy heights of 23¢ the stock was trading at just four weeks ago.