

Mining's big guns come to town

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MINING'S big guns descend on Adelaide next week for two key industry conferences. On Monday Paydirt's 2013 Uranium Conference at the InterContinental Hotel will tackle the industry's latest challenges along with a political perspective.

Australian Uranium Association CEO Michael Angwin's theme is: "Why political fear of the uranium industry is no longer justifiable".

SA Mineral Resources Minister Tom Koutsantonis will deliver the opening address at the uranium forum, fresh from the government's trade mission to China.

Around 400 delegates will be at the Adelaide convention centre on Tuesday and Wednesday for the annual SA Resources and Energy Investment Conference.

Premier Jay Weatherill and Federal Resources Minister Gary Gray will open proceedings with around 40 speakers from exploration, production and processing companies.

The frustrations of some in the industry will get an airing when Minotaur Exploration's Andrew Woskett outlines why "exploration is getting harder in SA and what needs to be done".

Woskett is spokesman for the Braemar Alliance, a group of explorers with interests in the state's north east.