



Test drilling fast- tracked

TEST drilling at a gold and copper exploration site north of Orange will start within two weeks after the project was fast-tracked.

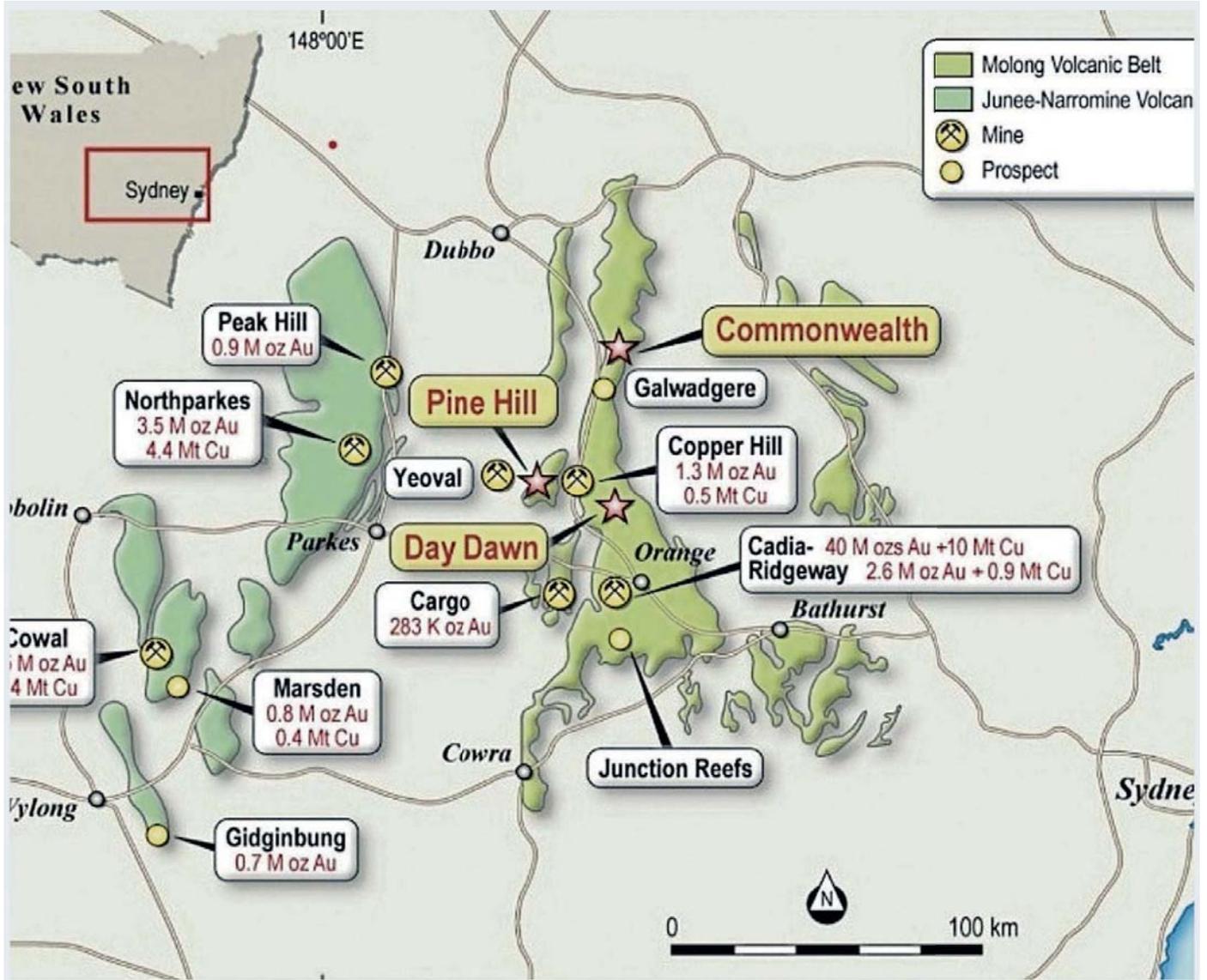
Exploration company Impact Minerals said it had made encouraging finds of gold and copper across an extensive area, mainly on small-holding farmland, about 10 kilometres south of Wellington.

Managing director Dr Mike Jones said good prospects of gold and copper had been found in soil data collected.

"We want to get out there as quick as possible," he said.

Dr Jones said if the drilling produced further positive results they would work toward obtaining approval to drill in the area by the end of the year. He said about 10 people would be working on the site soon.

Dr Jones said 'near-text-book' examples of minerals had been found over a four square kilometre area.



CENTRAL WEST MINING: Impact Minerals is exploring the Commonwealth site between Orange and Wellington.