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Coal outcrop discovered

SPRINGSURE: The discovery of another coal seam in the Springsure region has cemented confidence in the industry.

Mining company Bowen Energy has discovered further deposits around 20 kilometres from Springsure, and says it may be the first of many discoveries to come.

Director of exploration Mark Shepherd and his team discovered the two-metre outcrop seam after less than five months of directed searching using satellite technology and geological maps.

“The Springsure Shelf is not a renowned area of the Bowen Basin for coal, essentially because it’s been under-explored in the past,” he said.

“It’s very encouraging; we are only in the very early stages of exploration.

“It was largely a lack of infrastructure (in the region) that lead it to be overlooked.”