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Preliminary Results of Drilling in the Coal-Bcaring Fraser River Formation, Quesnel, British Culumbia

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The Tertiary Fraser River Formation occurs as a narrow belt of weakly lithified clastic sediments along the present Fraser River, from Prince George to 38 km south of Quesnel. A preliminary sumary of the geology and coal resource potential of the formation is given in Graham (1978). Results of preliminary work in 1977 were sufficiently promising that a small scale coring program was launched in September 1978 to obtain additional information on the Australian member of the Fraser River Formation near Quesnel. Three holes were drilled for a combined thickness of 610 m . Hole Q-1 ( $\left.52^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 10^{\circ} \mathrm{H}, 122^{\circ} 26^{\prime} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{W}\right)$ was drilled near Australian Creek 30 km south of Quesnel (Figure 1). Hole Q-2 ( $52^{\circ} 57^{\circ} 48^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N}, 122^{\circ} 29^{\prime} 25^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ ) and $\mathrm{Q}-3\left(52^{\circ} 57^{\prime} 25^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N}, 122^{\circ} 28^{\prime 2} 20^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}\right)$ were drilled 1400 m apart on Red Bluff directly south of Quesnel townsite (Figure 2). Geophysical and lithological logs for holes $Q-1$ to $Q-3$ are included in this report (Figures 3, 4 and S). A more complete study is in progress and results of this will be published at a later date.

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