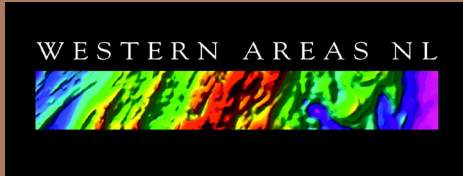


# Case Study: Western Areas



## The Company: Western Areas NL

Western Areas is an Australian-based nickel sulphide explorer and producer listed on the ASX and TSX (ASX & TSX Code: WSA). The Company's core asset is the 100% owned Forrestania Nickel Project, located 400km east of Perth. The past 4 years has seen a major evolution in Western Areas' operations, with the Company achieving significant growth by bringing the Forrestania Project into production.

*“Scope Systems’ solution provided Western Areas with a scalable ERP system that has been able to evolve with the Company’s rapid growth, while providing us with substantially more functionality than our previous system. This has supported us in developing and operating world-class mines”*

Joe Belladonna – Chief Financial Officer,  
Western Areas NL



## Challenges

- Seamlessly transfer Western Areas from MYOB to an ERP system with greater functionality that would support the Company's growth from explorer to producer.
- Optimise project implementation lead times, whilst ensuring system integrity and reporting capabilities remained at the highest possible level.
- Ensure appropriate segregation of duties within the system.
- Enhance the project costing capabilities within the company to support the development of Western Areas' Forrestania project.
- Enable maintenance planning and procurement of goods and services online.
- Enable access to remote systems on limited bandwidth.

## Scope Systems Solution

- Implemented Scope Systems' Mining Solution and its Thin Client Technology in two phases which allowed reliable communications to 50 remote users.
- Worked closely with Western Areas' Management to understand each area of responsibility and then tailored the PRONTO-Xi system to reflect this.
- Delivered a payroll system to manage electronic payments, leave and other entitlements for Western Areas' employees and contractors.
- Revised purchasing system to ensure Purchase Requests were approved by appropriate managers based on their value and allow Purchasing Officers to submit approved Purchase Requests online.
- Implemented the Project Costing module to give management greater control over individual costs associated with the development of the Forrestania project.
- Provided functionality to monitor asset and inventory performance based on acquisition and on-going maintenance costs.

## Benefits Realised

- Improved accountability, departmental productivity and performance reporting through a clear segregation of duties.
- Improved levels of integrity and greater control over cash and purchase commitments through electronic raising, tracking and submitting of Purchase Orders.
- Greater oversight and control of individual aspects related to project planning and development contributing to projects being delivered on time and on budget.
- Reduced maintenance and inventory storage costs, while enhancing maintenance planning.
- Delivered a scalable product that has successfully grown with Western Areas' expanding mining operations.
- Provided reliable communications between remote sites by minimising communication infrastructure requirements through Scope Systems' Thin Client Technology.