

# Brian Flannery and Duncan Travers set for White magic

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BIG DEAL: Brian Flannery took about \$500 million from the Felix Resources sale. Picture: Campbell Scott *Source:* The Courier-Mail

**BRISBANE coal multi-millionaires Brian Flannery and Duncan Travers are out to set up themselves and other shareholders for another financial killing through coal briquetting group White Energy.**

Mr Flannery and Mr Travers, who were chief executive and chairman of Felix Resources out of which they each took about \$500 million when it was bought in 2009 by Yanzhou Coal took control of White Energy after they backed their South Australian coal interests into the company.

And they are now proposing to sell it some more coal assets, for \$486 million and net of debt \$14 million.

White has been given 28 days to exclusively examine buying Cascade Coal, controlled by Mr Flannery and Mr Travers, which owns the Mt Penny coal project, a 173.7 million-tonne thermal coal resource in New South Wales and another NSW deposit Glendon Brook, said to contain semi-soft coking coal.

If it decides to buy, White Energy five of whose directors, including Mr Flannery and Mr Travers, own 60.1 per cent of Cascade it will pay \$41 million in cash and fund the balance from its own shares. It would also assume \$14 million in liabilities as a result of the deal, giving the two coal deposits a total enterprise value of \$500 million.

With most of the shares in Cascade held by entities associated with White's directors and shareholders, White Energy has said the proposed transaction would be conditional on both independent director and shareholder approval.