



THE TENEMENT GRANTING PROCESS

Tenements include prospecting and exploration licences, retention and miscellaneous licences, and mining and general purpose leases.

LODGING A MINING LEASE



Application marked out.



Application lodged with Regional Mining Registrar

Applicant must advertise application, advise relevant landholders, etc. There is a 35-day objection period.

Application must be accompanied by:

- A Mineralisation report and statement, appraised by the Director of Geological Survey; or
- A Mining proposal, appraised by the Environment Division.



Mining Registrar

After objection period, Mining Registrar recommends the Minister grants or refuses an application based on applicants meeting their obligations.

If there are any objections to a lease application, then it is listed before a Warden.



Native Title

Native Title process takes a minimum of six months.

Evidence must be produced to the Department of agreement having been reached between the parties.



Mining lease granted

Holder must meet requirements of the following stages for mining to commence.



Aboriginal Heritage

Heritage surveys must be carried out and can run concurrently with environment stage.



Environment

Mining proposal must be submitted and approved before mining can commence.

Environmental impact of mine is assessed and conditions imposed to minimise impact and address rehabilitation requirements. Depending on significance of environmental impact, EPA referral may be required.