

52.08 MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING

Purpose

To allow land to be used and developed for mineral exploration without the need for a permit.

To ensure that mining is not a prohibited land use.

To allow land to be used and developed for mining either subject to a permit (except in those areas where a permit is not required) or subject to the preparation of an environmental effects statement under the Environment Effects Act 1978.

To ensure that mining is carried out in accordance with acceptable environmental standards.

52.08-1 Mineral exploration

Land may be used or developed for mineral exploration carried out under a licence issued under the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990, without the need for a permit.

52.08-2 Mining

Permit requirement

A permit is required to use or develop land for mining.

This does not apply if either:

- All the following three requirements are met:
 - An environment effects statement has been prepared under the Environment Effects Act 1978 for the work proposed to be done under a licence issued under the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990.
 - An assessment of that statement by the Minister administering the Environment Effects Act 1978 has been submitted to the Minister administering the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990.
 - An authority to commence work has been granted by the Secretary of the Department of the Natural Resources and Environment with the approval of the Minister administering the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990.
- The mining is in accordance with and within an area covered by a mining licence granted or Order made by the Governor in Council under Section 47A of the Electricity Industry Act 1993.