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# Proof of rehabilitation for a mineral claim or opal prospecting licence in the Lightning Ridge Mineral Claims District

## *Form LR33 Mining Act 1992*

### When to use this form

Use this form if you hold or held a mineral claim or opal prospecting licence granted under the *Mining Act 1992* within the Lightning Ridge Mineral Claims District and you want to provide proof that the title has been rehabilitated.

This form will be used in the department's assessment if the small-scale title has been rehabilitated to the required standard before returning any money held in a security deposit.

This form can be lodged:

- after a small-scale title has expired; or
- after the small-scale title has been cancelled by the department.

This form has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 12A and [section 261G\(2\)\(b\)](#) of the Mining Act and the Mining Regulation 2016.

If there is insufficient room in any fields or additional explanation is required as to why certain rehabilitation activities were not completed, please provide this information as an attachment.

Any reference to the 'department' in this form refers to the **Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development**.

### Privacy statement

View the department's Privacy Statement on how information in this application will be used: [www.resources.nsw.gov.au/privacy-statement](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/privacy-statement).

## How to lodge

Completed applications with all supporting evidence can be lodged:

- **By email:** Send an electronic copy of your form, including any attachments, to [lightningridge.office@regional.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lightningridge.office@regional.nsw.gov.au)
- **By mail:** NSW Resources, Title Assessments, PO Box 314, Lightning Ridge NSW 2834
- **In-person:** at the department's office, 41 Opal Street, Lightning Ridge, NSW, between the hours of 9:30 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Monday to Thursday or 9:30 am to 1:00 pm on Friday.

Lodgement of your form in this manner is taken to be lodgement with the Secretary under the Mining Act.

For help completing or lodging this form, contact the NSW Resources Small Scale Titles team on the contact details above or phone: +61 2 6820 5200.

## Important notes

### Accompanying documentation

Applicants must bring proof of identity documentation, such as a valid driver's licence, for sighting and verification by Lightning Ridge office staff. The proof of identity document must include your name, date of birth, address, photograph, and signature. If any details on your proof of identity document do not match the details provided in this form (e.g. address), then an explanation is to be provided. Further evidence may be requested by the department.

Only completed applications with all supporting information or documents will be accepted by the department. Your application may be rejected if you do not supply the required information or documents to the department (see [section 381B\(1\)\(b\)](#) of the Mining Act).

### Agents

If this application is lodged by an agent on behalf of the applicant(s), you must provide evidence that the agent has the authority to act on behalf of the applicant. This can be done by completing the declaration at the end of this form and supplying evidence of their appointment ([clause 97](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016). If this information is not provided, the decision-maker may reject the application.

### Next steps

Once your application has been received, it will be assessed by the department. The department will notify you in writing of the outcome of your application.

# 1. Small-scale title details

Please provide details of the appropriate small-scale title below:

Small-scale title details	
Mineral claim number	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Opal prospecting licence number	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
What is the current status of the small-scale title?	<input type="checkbox"/> Small-scale title has expired <input type="checkbox"/> Small-scale title has already been cancelled <input type="checkbox"/> I am lodging this form with an application for cancellation of a small-scale title (Form LR1)
Is the small-scale title within a preserved mining field?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Were opal mining or prospecting activities undertaken on this title?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, complete all questions in this application <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Any liability incurred by the holder before the title ceased to have effect continues following, including the requirement for rehabilitation. A notice may be issued under s240 directing the claim holder or former claim holder to rehabilitate the land. By not rehabilitating the claim area, any security bond held against the claim area may be forfeited to the Crown pursuant to s261F(3) or (3A). The department may take enforcement action against a person who does not comply with a direction. Under s241(2), the department may seek to recover any costs or expenses incurred by the Crown in rehabilitating the claim area.</p> <p>Date rehabilitation activities have been completed on (dd/mm/yy): <input type="text"/></p>	

## 2. Holder(s) details

Holder details	
Name or company name	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of identity document (e.g. valid driver's licence) is attached
Australian Company Number (if a company is applying)	
Name(s) of all company director(s) (if company is applying)	
Contact person (if a company applying)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of identity document (e.g. valid driver's licence) is attached
Contact phone	
Contact email	<p>The department's preference is to communicate with you and to serve any correspondence, notices and documents by email. Would you like to nominate your above email address for communications and service?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Street address (Registered Street address for a company)	
Postal address	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above

### 2.1. Additional holders

If there is more than one holder of the small-scale title, please provide their details as required in Question 2 as an attachment to this application.

## 3. Rehabilitation of mine shafts and auger holes

Mine shafts are primarily shafts for access. Auger holes are primarily holes for ventilation.

### 3.1. Were there mine shafts on the small-scale title?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. How many?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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### 3.2. Were there auger holes drilled on the small-scale title?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. How many?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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### 3.3. What rehabilitation has been undertaken for mine shafts and/or auger holes?

I confirm the following rehabilitation activities have occurred		Yes	No	NA
All mine shafts have been backfilled with mullock		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mullock has been heaped over the centre of the backfilled mine shaft at a height of no greater than one to 2 metres		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All auger holes have been backfilled		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drill cuttings have been heaped over the centre of the backfilled auger hole at a height of approximately 300 mm in a circle of no more than one metre in diameter		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drill cuttings that have been heaped over backfilled auger holes are covered with approximately 50 mm of red gravel		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you answered no in this table, provide reasons as to why this has not been completed.				

### 4. Removal of mullock, soil and vegetation stockpiles

Details of rehabilitation activities		Yes	No
Excess mullock has been removed through transporting to a designated mullock dump.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Topsoil has been respread over disturbed areas on-site.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetation has been spread over the disturbed areas on-site.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you answered no in this table, provide reasons as to why this has not been completed.			

### 5. Environmental management

I confirm the following rehabilitation activities have occurred for the site:		Yes	No
The site has been left in a clean and tidy condition		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All on-site rubbish has been disposed of at a lawful facility		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All on-site mining-related infrastructure (e.g. plant, equipment, shipping containers, vehicles, buildings, structures, tools) has been removed		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

There are no obstructions or interference to surface water flows in any stream or watercourse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The state of disturbed and rehabilitated areas is compatible with the surrounding land uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you answered no in this table, provide reasons as to why this has not been completed		

**If you hold or held:**

- a Mineral Claim with Restricted Mining Operations approval, go to question 6.
- a Class D (puddling), E (mullock stockpiling), or G (open cut mining) Mineral Claim, go to question 7.

**If not, go straight to question 8.**

## 6. Rehabilitation of mineral claim with a restricted operations approval

6.1. Is the small-scale title a mineral claim that has been issued a s175 restricted operations approval (e.g. a trenching permit)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to Question 8
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6.2. Were there any trenches excavated on the small-scale title?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. How many?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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6.3. What rehabilitation has been undertaken for excavated trenches?

I confirm the following rehabilitation activities have occurred	Yes	No
All excavated trenches have been backfilled with mullock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backfilled trenches do not obstruct surface water flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Topsoil with subsoil underneath has been spread over the backfilled trench	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered no in this table, provide reasons why this rehabilitation has not been completed.	
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#### 6.4. Has the site been rehabilitated following the claim's approved mining operations plan?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered no, provide reasons for not rehabilitating in accordance with the mining operations plan	

### 7. Rehabilitation of Class D (puddling), Class E (mullock stockpiling), Class G (open cut mining) mineral claims

#### 7.1. Is the small-scale title a Class D, Class E or Class G mineral claim?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to Question 8
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#### 7.2. Has the site been rehabilitated following the claim's approved mining operations plan?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered no, provide reasons for not rehabilitating in accordance with the mining operations plan.	

### 8. Other rehabilitation activities

#### 8.1. Has there been any other additional rehabilitation activities undertaken on the small-scale title that have not been outlined in this application?

- ☐ No – Go to Question 9
- ☐ Yes.

If yes, please provide details:

## 9. Diagram of small-scale title area

Please draw your small-scale title shape in the following box and identify it using the symbols provided below. Please note the numbers corresponding to the photographs provided as evidence on this diagram. (If you are completing this form for an OPL, office staff can provide a map.)



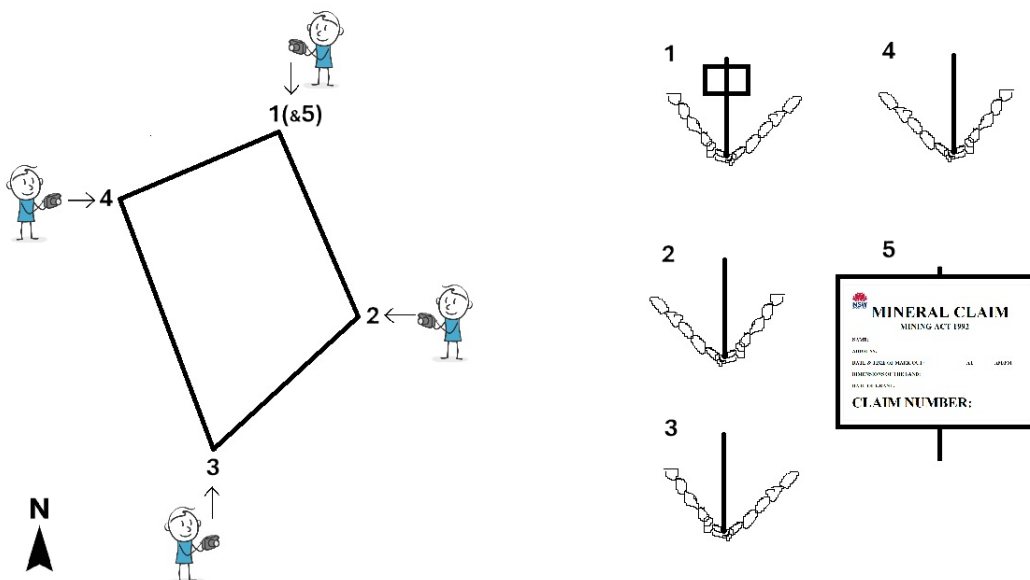
Unsecured shaft		Tracks	
Secured shaft		Topsoil stockpiles	
Auger holes		Excessive disturbance areas	
Mullock stockpile		Structures	

## 10. Photographs of the small-scale title area

You must provide photographs demonstrating the current state of the small-scale title area, including any disturbed and/or rehabilitated areas. The photographs must provide evidence that you have adequately undertaken rehabilitation activities. If no mining and/or prospecting activities were undertaken on the small-scale title, photographs must still be provided to demonstrate the state of the area.

As a minimum, the photographs must include the following:

- For a mineral claim, there must a photograph taken from every marker post (i.e. corner peg) looking into the centre of the claim. See below example. You must note the numbers corresponding to the photographs in your diagram above in question 9.



- For an opal prospecting licence, there must be a photograph of every hole drilled.
- If mine shafts or auger holes were utilised, a photograph of where each individual mine shaft or auger hole were located.
- Where any other disturbance, including mining infrastructure, noted on the diagram in question 9, a photograph showing the current state.

Additionally, the photographs must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Good quality colour images which are of an easily visible size.
- Clear and focused images.

- Labelled with a reference number that corresponds to the reference number used on the diagram/map.

Please attach your photographs to this application and fill in the table below. **If you have more photographs, please provide details on a separate page.**

Reference number	Description of photograph and any relevant details (e.g. GPS coordinate of OPL drill hole)	Date taken (dd-mm-yyyy)

## 11. Return of security deposit (if applicable)

Provide your bank details and **attach proof of ownership (e.g. bank letter or bank statement)** of the nominated bank account so that the department can return your security deposit if eligible.

Bank details for the return of the security deposit	
Bank name	
Account name	
BSB	
Account number	

## 12. Checklist of items to be included with this application

Complete the checklist below before signing the declaration.

Items to be attached to the application	Yes	N/A	Reference
Proof of identity (e.g. valid driver's licence)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Question 2
Additional holder details and proof of identity document (e.g. valid driver's licence)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 2.1
Photographs of the small-scale title area	<input type="checkbox"/>		Question 10
Evidence of bank details (e.g. copy of bank statement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 11
Additional holders' declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 13.2
For agents only, written evidence of appointment and proof of identity (e.g. valid driver's licence)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 14

## 13. Declaration of applicant

### 13.1. Applicant(s) (individual or company)

This section is to be completed by the holder(s) providing evidence of completion of rehabilitation.

Each holder (or authorised representative of a company) must complete the declaration below and sign this form:

- I certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand under the *Crimes Act 1900* NSW Part 5A, that knowingly or recklessly giving false or misleading information is a serious offence, and under the Mining Act section 378C, any person who provides information that the person knows to be false or misleading in purported compliance with a requirement of the Act is guilty of an offence, for which they may be subject to prosecution.
- I agree to notify the department immediately of any changes to the information in this form or the documents provided with this application.
- I acknowledge that failure to provide all required information and documents may result in delays in processing the application or refusal of the application.
- (For companies only) I declare that I am authorised to complete and lodge this application.

Holder details	
Name or company name	
Contact person and their position (for companies only)	

Date	
Signature	

### 13.2. Additional small-scale title holders

If there is more than one holder of the small-scale title, please provide their signed declaration as an attachment. The attachment must be a copy of Question 13.1 where each additional holder has filled in their name, date and has signed.

## 14. Declaration of agent authorised to act for this applicant(s) (if applicable)

As the small-scale title holder, you can appoint an agent if desired. An agent can lodge an application on your behalf. You will need to provide written notice that you have appointed a person as your agent.

The authorised agent must complete the declaration below and sign this form:

- I certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand under the *Crimes Act 1900* NSW [Part 5A](#), that knowingly or recklessly giving false or misleading information is a serious offence, and under the *Mining Act 1992* section [378C](#), any person who provides information that the person knows to be false or misleading is guilty of an offence, for which they may be subject to prosecution.
- I agree to notify the department immediately of any changes to the information in this form or the documents provided with this application.
- I acknowledge that failure to provide all required information and documents may result in delays in processing the application or refusal of the application.
- I declare that I am authorised to complete and lodge this application.

Agent details	
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of identity document (e.g. valid driver's licence) is attached
Contact phone	
Contact email	<p>The department's preference is to communicate with you and to serve any correspondence, notices and documents by email. Would you like to nominate your above email address for communications and service?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Street address	

Postal address	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above
Evidence of appointment as an agent	<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a written notice by the applicant of my appointment as their agent
Date:	
Signature	

Office use only

Application received	
Time:	Date:
Officer's name:	
Signature:	

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