



Nominating blocks for expression of interest

The purpose of this guideline is to provide guidance on the approved manner for nominating a discrete area within Western Australia, which is not the subject of a current live title or declared reservation of blocks, for inclusion in any proposed future competitive bidding acreage release.

Why nominate?

Prior to selecting areas for acreage release, DMIRS will formally seek nominations from industry members interested in particular areas for future release. If a nominated area is released there will be a general expectation for the nominee to submit a bid.

What is the approved manner?

The approved manner for nominating an area for release is via a dedicated department mailbox acreagerelease@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Nominations will not be accepted by hand delivery or post. Nominations can be made at any time, but DMIRS will assess all nominations as part of the formal process to select areas for release.

Is there an application fee?

No application fee is payable at the time of nominating a discrete area for release.

What is a Declaration of Reservation of blocks?

DMIRS, under delegation from the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, pursuant to Section 28 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*, has declared a reservation of graticular blocks not subject to a live title or part of any 'prime area' designated for a future acreage release.

Reserved blocks shall not be the subject of a petroleum or geothermal exploration permit, drilling reservation, retention lease, production licence, special prospecting authority or access authority.

A Declaration of Reservation of blocks remains in effect for a set period of time unless otherwise revoked or varied.

For up to date information on any Declarations of Reservation of blocks, please see:

- [Petroleum reservation of blocks](#)
- [Geothermal reservation of blocks](#)

What is needed?

To formally indicate an expression of interest in a discrete area of WA for petroleum or geothermal exploration, a nomination should include:

- a covering letter in support of the nomination for expression of interest;
- a map, including the block numbers, depicting the area of interest; and
- a report on the subject area.

If you have any further queries regarding any of the information contained within this guideline, please email the Resource Tenure team at petroleum.titles@dmirs.wa.gov.au