Land tenure and access restrictions at Black Diamond

Since mining ceased at Black Diamond in the 1950s a number of different land tenure types have been assumed. It is important that the public understands the different tenure types which exist at the site and respect the relevant rules and regulations surrounding these.

The map above titled “Black Diamond Land Tenure Boundaries” depicts the different types of land tenure at the site and below is a description of land access rules and regulations pertaining to each type.

While the Mining Rehabilitation Fund enabled funding to be allocated to improve safety for community, the site is not regulated, administered or managed by the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The work undertaken at Black Diamond included battering the southern pit wall to a safer angle and erosion management on the western end and northern side. Questions regarding the work undertaken at Black Diamond through the Abandoned Mines Program can be directed to the Abandoned Mines Team: abandonedmines@dmp.wa.gov.au.

All other questions relating to the site should be directed to the relevant land administrator/manager as indicated on the map provided.

Private Land

It is illegal to trespass onto private land and doing so can result in prosecution. Protections against trespassing in Western Australia fall under common law. As depicted in the map above, a number of private land lots exist at Black Diamond to the western end and northern side of the pit and in the pit lake itself. People need to be respectful of private land and property while visiting Black Diamond pit lake.

Shire Managed Land

Under the Local Government Act 1995 and the Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2012 you are not permitted to light fires, leave rubbish, install any structures or hold any activities without a council issued permit.

Crown Land

Under the Land Administration Act 1997 (WA) it is generally an offence for a person to do the following things on Crown land without legal authority or permission:

- to reside on the land
- to remove water, vegetation (alive or dead) or other things
- to leave things (including litter) behind
- to use firearms
- to construct roads or buildings.

Additionally, a licence may be required if you are proposing to hold an event or conduct any other activity on Crown land. The type of licence or other approval that may be required depends on the location of the Crown land to which you require access, as well as the type and length of the event or activity.

For More Information

**CROWN LAND**

Please refer to the Department of Lands website for further information regarding activities on Crown Land.


**SHIRE MANAGED LAND**

Please refer to the Shire of Collies website for further information regarding activities on Shire managed land.
