

**PETROLEUM / GEOTHERMAL SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY (SPA) (PGERA67 AND PSLA82)
APPROVAL PROCESS**

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Definitions

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- DPaW – Department of Parks and Wildlife
- EPA – Environment Protection Authority
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- PGERA67 – Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967
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- WAFIC – Western Australian Fishing Industry Council

- Applicant
- Petroleum Division
- Environment Division
- Dangerous Goods and Petroleum Safety Branch
- Other Agencies

APPLICANT

DMP

OTHERS

Screening Stage (10 days)

- Submits application and fee (incomplete applications will be refused)
- Provide additional information if required

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- Receives application
 - Conducts preliminary check for completeness
 - Reject incomplete applications

Refused / Request Further Information

- Strategic Business Development Branch**
- Checks application for an Access Authority requirement and advises if block(s) are over title or vacant acreage
 - Identifies reserved ground, restricted areas, Native Title, Environmentally Sensitive Areas or Schedule 1, World Heritage Area, Marine Park Water Reserve areas that may be affected by the survey type
 - Identifies any Submarine Cable Protection Zones
 - Identifies underlying titles – Petroleum/Geothermal, Mining etc (include SPA and SPA/Acreage Option titles), proposed release areas and any applications currently under assessment
 - Identifies Restricted Areas (Defence, Pipelines etc)
 - Identifies any islands and State Waters
 - Identifies if any commonwealth lands are affected

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- Verifies if section 15A and / or section 28A /18A notifications are required
 - Advises if there are any known heritage issues to be observed

- Resources Branch**
- Advises if the survey / work proposed is appropriate for the size of the application area
 - Provides any addition comments

- Refusal letter or
- Agrees to Native Title and environment and to progress
- Provides additional information as required

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- Verifies if section 15A and / or section 28A /18A notifications are required
 - Advises applicant if application is deemed appropriate for proposed activity or if the application is to be refused
 - Advises applicant of level of Native Title and environment referrals required (s15A) and for confirmation of intention to proceed within 14 days
 - Requests addition information regarding financial capacity and past performance if required

Assessment Stage (20 days)

- Environment Division**
- Conducts any additional referrals required
 - For written report and conditions required
 - Environment Plan Acceptance
 - Advises if Native Vegetation Clearing Certificate is required

- Resources Branch**
- For Recommendation on proposed work activity
 - For written report and conditions

- Dangerous Goods and Petroleum Safety Branch**
- Report on safety
 - Acceptance of safety management system
 - Advises any conditions required

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- Commences any Native Title advertising required
 - Commences Future Act notification process

- NTRB / Registered Native Title Claimants and / or Prescribed Body Corporate**

- Other Agency Referrals as required**
- DoF
 - DoW
 - DPaW
 - EPA
 - Local Shires
 - WAFIC
 - DoD (Cwth)
 - DoE (Cwth)

- Minister to Minister**
- Section 15A referral
 - Section 18A / 28A notification

- Underlying Title Holder**
- Section 69A referrals

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- On receipt of acceptance of Native Title and environment requirements, commences referrals
 - Conducts any s69A referrals required (4 week minimum)
 - If environmentally sensitive areas, advises if a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit is required from Environment Division






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**Determination Stage
(10 days)**

Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch

- If applicable, actions any additional Information / clearances, underlying title holder concerns
- Awaits finalisation of any Native Title process
- Prepares approval (or refusal) minute, letter, instrument and directions

Finalisation

- Receives certified copy of grant instrument

Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch

- Sends certified copy of approval documents to applicant

Resources Branch

- Notes commencement of survey and receives reports

