

**PETROLEUM / GEOTHERMAL SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY (SPA)
WITH ACREAGE OPTION (AO) (PGERA67) APPROVAL PROCESS**

This process is Quality Management System Certified to ISO 9001:2008 standard

Dated: 7 August 2014

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Definitions

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

APPLICANT

DMP

OTHERS

**Screening Stage
(10 days)**

- Submits application and fee
- Application for AO must be made in conjunction with SPA and cannot be applied for retrospectively
- Incomplete applications will be refused

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

Refused

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- Checks application for access authority and identifies block(s) outside the SPA area requiring access authority
 - Identifies reserved ground, restricted areas, Native Title, Environmentally Sensitive areas, Defence areas, Pipelines, Commonwealth lands or Schedule 1 areas affected by the survey
 - Identifies any underlying Petroleum/Geothermal titles requiring s69A referral (include SPA titles)
 - Identifies any submarine cable protection zones

- Refusal letter or
- Application to be progressed with Native Title and Environment Requirements letter
- Agrees to Native Title and Environment Requirements

Refused

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- Arranges Initial Assessment Meeting to establish:
 - If complete documentation with sufficient detail has been submitted
 - If the work proposed is deemed suitable for the size of the area applied
 - If an Acreage Option request is appropriate
 - An initial assessment of take-up percentage appropriate for a title application (Exploration Permit or Drilling Reservation)
 - Determine whether application will be subject to Native Title process and the level
 - Level of environmental assessment required including if s15A referral will be required
 - If application is to be refused, writes and advises applicant of reasons
 - If application is to be progressed, advises applicant in writing seeking their acceptance of the Native Title requirements and any specific environmental considerations identified (eg s15A) within 14 days

**Assessment Stage
(20 days)**

- Environment Division**
- Conducts additional referrals required
 - For written report and conditions required
 - Environmental Plan acceptance

- Resources Branch**
- For written report and conditions
 - Confirms recommendation on percentage of AO takeup

- Dangerous Goods and Petroleum Safety Branch**
- Reports 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

Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRB)
 Registered NT Claimants and / or Prescribed Body Corporate

- Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch**
- If reserved ground or World Heritage Areas are affected commences reserve referral action (SECTION 15A)
 - If Environmentally Sensitive areas affected advises applicant that the activity may require a clearing permit and for them to contact Environment Division
 - Conducts Section 69A referrals to underlying title holders
 - Refers as necessary to other agencies and stakeholder

Underlying title holder referrals (Petroleum and Geothermal)

DPaW / EPA Fisheries / WAFIC (internal waters)
 • For review and comment

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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 instrument and approval documents to applicant

Resources Branch

- Notes commencement of survey and receives reports

DECISION MADE BY APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR DRILLING RESERVATION / EXPLORATION PERMIT UNDER ACREAGE OPTION

- Submits Drilling Reservation / Exploration Permit application before 6 month Acreage Option period expires

Petroleum Tenure and Land Access Branch

- Receives application and processes accordingly