



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Mines and Petroleum**

Mineral Titles Division

Mineral Titles Transparency Statement

The Department of Mines and Petroleum is the state's lead agency for regulating mining, petroleum, and geothermal activities in Western Australia.

A key role of the Department of Mines and Petroleum is to provide an efficient and timely mining title approvals process, which is essential for guaranteeing the sustainability of the resources sector and the State's future prosperity. Most exploration and mining titles in Western Australia are administered in accordance with the *Mining Act 1978*, however some major mining projects are under separate State Agreement Acts and construction materials on private land under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Types of mining titles under the *Mining Act 1978* include prospecting, exploration, retention and miscellaneous licences, and mining and general purpose leases.

Mineral Titles, a division of the Department of Mines and Petroleum, is responsible for the processes associated with mineral titles management and compliance, assessment of applications and the grant of mining titles, including native title assessment processes that comply with mining and native title legislation, condition setting, and environmental bond management. The Mineral Titles Division regulates compliance with rent, expenditure and reporting obligations and operates in the Department's offices located in Perth, Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Coolgardie, Norseman, Southern Cross, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Marble Bar and Karratha.

The Mineral Titles Division is committed to provide clarity and transparency in all aspects of its operations.

The Mineral Titles Division has been delivering transparency arrangements and practices across its approval processes, such as:

- Online Tracking and Approvals Performance Report, resulting in improved performance outcomes for industry, Government and the community.
- Implementation and maintenance of an auditable management system for an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2008.
- Maintenance of title registry systems, **Mineral Titles Online (MTO)** and **TENGRAPH® Online** that provide current information on land availability and details on mining tenements in Western Australia.

The Executive Director of the Mineral Titles Division is committed to provide for the highest level of clarity and transparency in delivering approval and management systems which encompasses all professional services undertaken for its stakeholders.

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