## The exploration and mining titles process in NSW

## **LEGEND**

General event

Community

engagement

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Environmental

event

Money

exchange



response

Disclaimer: This poster is intended to be an overview of the resource discovery and development cycle. It shows a simplified version of the process and where title types sit relative to the stages and typical steps in the life cycle of a project. This diagram does not cover all variations in project discovery and development.

Timings are estimates. More details about specific resources can be found at

Strategic Release Applies to coal, petroleum and CSG only

Initial consideration of resource extent

Community consultation and preliminary issues assessment Recommendations and consideration of release

Area not considered suitable for release

Area released for exploration Prequalification of applicants

## **Exploration Application**

Active titles at this stage: ELA, E(MO)LA, PELA, PSPApp

For coal, petroleum and CSG there will be a competitive auction process. For Mineral Groups within a Mineral Allocation Area (MAA), Minister's consent is required prior to lodging an application.

Notice of application in press

Public comment process (Coal, Petroleum, CSG)

Assessment by Mining, Exploration & Geoscience

Application refused, withdrawn or expires

Exploration Licence granted Security deposit paid Active titles at this stage: AUTH, EL, E(MO)L, EPL, PEL, PSPA

Community consultation (Coal, Petroleum, CSG and Minerals)

Landholder access negotiations

Environmental approvals required (e.g. REF, AIS, SDN)

Determine resource extent (if any)

Rehabilitation of exploration disturbance Security deposit returned or forfeited

Title expired, cancelled, renewed or revised (area reduced)

Evaluation of economic and environmental viability

Is this a viable operation now? Yes OR

be in the future



AL, A(MO)L, PAL

Conceptual Project Development Plan

## Mining/Production Application

Active titles at this stage: MLA, M(MO)LA, MPLA, PPLA

Gateway process (BSAL, CIC)

Community engagement

Development consent application submitted

Environmental impact statements (EIS)

EIS reviewed by many government agencies

Public exhibition of EIS for community

Application/consent determined, revised or refused

Development consent approved

Environmental Protection Licence granted

Mining/Production Lease granted Security deposit paid Active titles at this stage: CCL, CL, CML, DL, DSL, GL, M(C)L, ML, M(MO)L, MPL, PLL, PL(MP)L, PPL, S(C&PL)L, SL, S(PL)L

Community engagement

Additional environmental approvals required

6 **Mining/Production Operation** commences

Continuous compliance checks undertaken and reviewed

Mining/Production Operation ceases



Decommission site

\$ Security deposit refunded or forfeited







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