

Nominating blocks for an acreage release

Purpose

This guide note provides information on the approved manner for nominating a discrete area within Western Australia for consideration by the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration in an upcoming competitive acreage release of exploration rights for:

- Petroleum and regulated substances;
- Geothermal energy resources; and
- Greenhouse gas storage.

Separate nominations and release processes are undertaken for each of the three categories above.

Why nominate?

The department will formally seek nominations from industry to express an interest in specific locations for the department to consider including in a release.

Where a nominated area is included in the acreage release, the nominee is generally expected to submit a bid during the competitive round.

What is the approved manner?

Nominations must be submitted to acreagerelease@dmpe.wa.gov.au. Nominations submitted by hand delivery or post are not accepted.

A nomination may be lodged at any time, however, the department will consider all submissions as part of the formal nominations' evaluation process undertaken for each release cycle.

Is there an application fee?

There is no fee associated with nominating a discrete area for potential release.

What information should be included in the nomination?

To nominate a discrete area of Western Australia for exploration (of petroleum and regulated substances, or geothermal energy, or greenhouse gas storage), the nomination must include:

- A covering letter supporting the nomination.
- Block numbers and location of the nominated area (e.g. PERTH Mapsheet SH50 Block 5168).
- A brief exploration rationale, outlining the justification for nomination (e.g. prospectivity indicators, data availability, commercial interest).
- Relevant geoscience information, such as known structures, seismic coverage, potential leads, or geological analogues.
- Information on timing or commercial drivers that support the nomination (e.g. data acquisition plans, partnership arrangements, strategic interests).
- For greenhouse gas storage nominations: if known, any available indicators relating to containment, injectivity, or storage capacity.

Nominations should provide sufficient detail to enable the department to undertake a high level assessment. Providing clear, specific information ensures the department can assess nominations efficiently and consistently.

What if my nominated area isn't released this cycle?

The department will assess the nominations received to determine the suitability for the release. It may be decided to release the nominated area in whole, in part or not at all.

Nominations are not automatically carried over to future acreage release cycles. If your nominated area is not selected, you may submit a new nomination for consideration in the following cycle.

All nominations received during each annual review period, regardless of previous submissions, are reassessed to incorporate updated prospectivity data, infrastructure changes, and departmental priorities.

Further information

For additional queries regarding the nomination process or this guide note, please contact the Resource Tenure Group: petroleum.titles@dmpe.wa.gov.au

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