

# Petroleum Exploration Landholder Two Way Communication Consultation Process

## Permitting and Approvals Process

**Determine Area for Release**  
*Stakeholder Consultation*

**Release of Vacant Area**  
**Notification to Stakeholders/Landholders**  
*Letter to Stakeholders/Landholders*  
**Advertise Acreage Release Area**  
**Petroleum Act (PA) s16(1)**  
Area opens for application - 3/6 months

**Acreage Release application period closes**  
Assessment and Evaluation of Applications  
**Notification of successful/unsuccessful applicants**

## Consultation Process

**Stakeholder Consultation**  
DPIR seeks comments from Stakeholders regarding Acreage Release Area.

DPIR notifies Stakeholder/Landholder/Manager of Release of Vacant Area.  
Letter will advise process. DPIR advertises Acreage Release Area

### Selection of Applicant

Applicant accepts offer and notifies Landholder/Manager within 14 days of the acceptance of offer to proceed through the application process.<sup>1</sup>

**Notification/Objection Period**  
(2 months - PA)  
(4 months - *Native Title Act*)

Objections provided to applicant, opportunity to respond.  
Objections will be taken into account prior to grant/conditions of grant

**Permit Granted**

### Application process

DPIR advertises application in the NT Gazette, NT News, Koori Mail and publishes on the DPIR Website.

The applicant will regularly update the Landholder/Manager throughout the application process.

DPIR issues grant of permit to applicant; notifies grant in NT Gazette and publishes on the DPIR Website.

On acceptance of grant Permittee is required to notify the Landholder/Manager

DPIR to post generic grant instrument on its website

**Permittee applies to conduct exploration activity**

There is an expectation on the Permittee and Landholder/Manager that dialogue will continue throughout the term of the permit

### Exploration activity

Permittee commits to provide **14 days' notice** to Landholder/Manager of all aerial work and before first commencing *reconnaissance activities*<sup>2</sup>.  
Permittee to keep the Landholder/Manager informed about the nature and timing of activities.

Permittee and Landholder/Manager are required to reach an *agreement*<sup>3</sup> prior to the commencement of an *exploration program*<sup>4</sup>. DPIR requires evidence of an agreement prior to granting approval.

Permittee is to provide 14 days' notice to Landholder/Manager before commencing an approved *exploration program*<sup>4</sup>.

1. Section A and/or B of the *Notice of Application for the Grant of a Petroleum Exploration Permit*.
2. Reconnaissance activities are surveys, inspections and other activities that do not involve any disturbance to the land or vegetation and are undertaken before the commencement of an exploration program.
3. Once the Permittee notifies the Landholder/Manager of its intention to commence negotiations, the parties have 60 days to reach a land access agreement and associated conditions. See the Stakeholder Engagement Guidelines Land Access for further details about agreement and arbitration processes.
4. A group of activities (other than reconnaissance activities) forming an exploration program requiring approval by DPIR.