The holder of a mineral title has the right to enter land outside the title area to construct, maintain and use infrastructure associated with conducting authorised activities under the Mineral Title if the title holder also holds an Access Authority for the relevant land. Access Authorities can be granted for access roads, temporary campsites, water pipelines, haul roads, or to allow holders to enter, use and maintain bore fields, airstrips, plants or port facilities.

Requirements prior to applying for an Access Authority (AA)

1. Applicant must hold a current Mineral Title - s 84 (1) MTA
2. At least 14 days prior to making the application, the title holder must:
   - give written notice to each land owner of the relevant land – s 84 (3) (a) (i) & s 14(d) MTA;
   - give notice to any Mineral Title holder of the relevant land – s 84 (3) (a) (ii) MTA; and
   - publish a notice of the intention to apply for an AA in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the relevant land is situated – s 84 (3) (b) MTA.

AA application received – s 84 (2) MTA
(Copies of requirements at 2 above must be provided with application)
Application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee - Schedule One MTR
Application must also include sufficient co-ordinates to enable the area to be plotted correctly

Application complies with legislative requirements (i.e. all requirements outlined above have been met) – s 84 (3) MTA

Send notification letters under s 24MD (6B) NTA to relevant Land Council and National Native Title Tribunal

Await relevant notification period
(this may take up to 2 months)

Minister may grant AA – s 84 (4) MTA

AA GRANTED

Once the AA is granted, the titleholder must apply for an amendment to the Mining Management Plan 2001 for the Mineral Title that the AA relates to.

Refer to the Department’s website for more information regarding requirements under the Mining Management Act 2001.