

Application for the grant of a geothermal exploration permit

S17 Geothermal Energy Act 2009

Before you complete this form

What this form is for

The completed form will be used by the Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) to assess the suitability of an applicant, and any associated entity of the applicant, for the grant of a geothermal exploration permit under section 17 of the *Geothermal Energy Act 2009*.

An associated entity includes a parent or subsidiary company.

Warning about providing misleading information

When completing this form you should be aware that it is an offence to give misleading information or to falsely represent yourself as an officer or an authorised person.

Where a permit is granted and it is subsequently found that there has been non-compliance with the provisions of the *Geothermal Energy Act 2009* or the conditions of a permit, you may be prosecuted or the permit may be cancelled.

Completing the form

1. This form must be completed by a person that is authorised to do so.
2. If there is insufficient space to answer a question, attach additional pages with the applicant's name and the relevant section number.
3. An associated entity is defined in section 50AAA of the *Corporations Act 2001*.
4. A probity check is required for the purpose of determining the applicant's, and any associated entities, suitability for the grant, renewal or transfer of a permit or licence. As part of this application, please purchase a Comprehensive Report from illion Express <https://express.illion.com.au/about> for the applicant and each associated entity. At the report checkout, enter EnergyTitles.DITT@nt.gov.au as the contact email address. The report will be sent directly to DITT. A copy of the report will be provided to you on request.
5. You may be asked to provide additional information to support your application.
6. All information provided will be held in-confidence.

Section 1 – Applicant details			
Company/individual name			
Principal address			
Postal address (if different to above)			
ACN		Email	
Contact number		Interest	

Section 2 - Associated entity /s (includes a parent or subsidiary company)			
Company/individual name			
Principal address			
Postal address (if different to above)			
ACN		Email	
Contact number		Interest	
Section 3 - Particulars of area applied for			
Number of blocks (you may apply for up to 2,000 blocks)			
Map of application area	You must include a map showing the area you are applying for a permit over, including the boundaries of existing land holdings or geographical features. The map must be on the GDA94 datum, and at a scale that clearly shows which blocks are being applied for.		
Written description of area	The written description must be on the GDA94 datum. You must identify the application area by either of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. latitudes and longitudes ii. list of all affected blocks with the Block Identification Method. 		
Section 4 - Technical work program			
Provide a technical work program for the applied for area that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the technical work to be done in connection with the geothermal activities proposed to be conducted in the permit area for the first five year term of the exploration permit. • A summary of the exploration philosophy and models to be tested. • The proposed expenditure, relevant to field work and the costs connected to that work. • Operator details if appointed. • Evidence of the technical capacity to undertake the proposed work program, including a list of the professional staff proposed to be used in the exploration program, together with a short resume of their past record of proven technical experience. 			

Section 5 - Financial capacity

Provide the following to demonstrate that the applicant has the financial capacity to carry out the five (5) year technical work program and comply with the obligations under the permit:

- a letter from a chartered accountant warranting that the applicant has the financial capacity to carry out all of its obligations and commitments, including rehabilitation, in the Northern Territory and other jurisdictions, and continue as a going concern
- a financial statement and balance sheet that:
 - has been prepared by a chartered accountant,
 - signed by a director of the company
 - audited by an independent chartered accountant
 - demonstrates that the applicant has the financial capacity to undertake the minimum work program conditions for a geothermal exploration permit.
- if published, include the last issued annual company report, or its relevant sections, and the last issued quarterly report to the Australian Stock Exchange
- a statement of financial commitments, other than those proposed in the application, and any additional source of finance. This statement should include a list of any other geothermal interests held in other Australian jurisdictions.

The department does not consider security bonds or the value of existing exploration permits as evidence of financial capacity to undertake a technical works program.

Section 6 - Appropriate person statement

Provide a statement that addresses each of the following and include attachments where necessary.

Provide details about the applicant or associated entity's record of compliance with the legislation listed in sections 8 and 9 below.

Advise if the applicant or associated entity has contravened any of the listed legislation, and if so, provide details about the:

- seriousness of the contraventions
- length of time since the contraventions occurred.

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Provide a list of licences, or other authorities, that the applicant or associated entity has held under the listed legislation, and advise if any have been suspended or revoked. Include details about the suspension or revocation.

Provide details about why the applicant or associated entity is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity.

Advise if the applicant or associated entity has been convicted in the Territory or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty, in the last 10 years, and if so, provide details.

Advise if, within the last three years, the applicant or associated entity:

- was an undischarged bankrupt
- applied to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors
- entered into an arrangement with the applicant or entity's creditors or made an assignment of the applicant or entity's remuneration for their benefit.

If so, provide details.

Advise if the applicant or associated entity is or was a director of a body corporate that is the subject of a winding-up order or for which a controller or administrator has been appointed in the last three years, and if so, provide details.

Advise if the applicant or associated entity is in partnership, in connection with the action that is the subject of the permit, with a person whom the Minister does not consider to be appropriate to hold a permit.

Complete this part if the applicant or associated entity is a body corporate, and include attachments where necessary. A reference to a director of a body corporate includes reference to a person concerned in the management of the body corporate.

Advise if a director of the body corporate has contravened any of the listed legislation, and if so, provide details.

Provide a list of licences, or other authorities, that the director of the body corporate has held under the listed legislation, and advise if any have been suspended or revoked. Include the reasons for the suspension or revocation.

Advise if a director of the body corporate is or has been the director of another body corporate that has contravened the listed legislation, and if so, provide details.

Advise if the director of the body corporate is or has been the director of another body corporate that has held a licence or other authority under the listed legislation, and advise if any have been suspended or revoked. Include the reasons for the suspension or revocation.

In the case of a body corporate that is the subsidiary of another body or company (the parent company), advise if the parent company or a director of the parent company has:

- contravened the listed legislation, or
- has held a licence or other authority under the listed legislation that has been suspended or revoked.

If so, provide details.

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In the case of a body corporate that is the subsidiary of another body or company (the parent company), advise if the director of the parent company is or has been the director of another body corporate that has:

- contravened the listed legislation, or
- has held a licence or other authority under the prescribed legislation that has been suspended or revoked.

If so, provide details.

Provide details about the record of compliance with the listed environmental legislation for any director of the body corporate.

Provide details about why a director of the body corporate is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity.

Advise if a director of the body corporate has been convicted in the Northern Territory or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty, in the last 10 years. If so, provide details.

Advise if the body corporate is the subject of a winding up order or has had a controller or administrator appointed in the last three years, and if so, provide details.

Section 7 - Other attachments

- Include attachments where necessary.
- Any other relevant information that you would like the Minister to consider.

Section 8 - Environmental legislation

- *Environment Protection Act 2019 (NT)*
- *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998 (NT)*
- *Water Act 1992 (NT)*
- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*
- *Environment Protection Act 1997 (ACT)*
- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)*
- *Environment Protection Act 1994 (QLD)*
- *Environment Protection Act 1993 (SA)*
- *Environment Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (TAS)*
- *Environment Protection Act 2017 (VIC)*
- *Environment Protection Act 1986 (WA)*
- An Act of another jurisdiction that is similar in nature and purpose to an Act listed above.

Section 9 - Other legislation

- *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989 (NT)*
- *Taxation Administration Act 2007 (NT)*
- *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976 (NT)*
- *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 (NT)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (ACT)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (QLD)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (TAS)*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (VIC)*
- *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 (WA)*
- *Geothermal Energy Act 2009 (NT)*
- *Geothermal Energy Resources Act 2005 (VIC)*
- *Mining Act 1992 (NSW)*
- *Geothermal Energy Act 2010 (QLD)*
- *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*
- *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (SA)*
- *Mineral Resources Development Act 1995 (TAS)*
- *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*

- *Australian Securities and Commission Act 2001 (Cth)*
- An Act of another jurisdiction that is similar in nature and purpose to an Act listed above.

Section 10 - Declaration

I declare that the information I have provided in this application form is true and accurate, and that I am authorised to make this application.

I know that it is an offence to give misleading information.

Signature

Name in full

Position

Date

Further information

Please contact the Energy Titles Unit on (08) 8999 6070 or email EnergyTitles.DITT@nt.gov.au.

This application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee under Schedule 1 of the Geothermal Energy Regulations 2009. Please refer to our [website](#) for a list of current fees.

Advertising fees are not required at the time of submitting an application, however, once the application is assessed as meeting the necessary criteria, the department will forward an invoice to you. A notice that an application for a geothermal exploration permit has been made must be published in a newspaper at the applicant's cost under s.

Payment methods

BPAY, online or credit card by phone:

Please contact the Energy Titles Unit on (08) 8999 6070 or email EnergyTitles.DITT@nt.gov.au to obtain an invoice.

Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to the Receiver of Territory Monies. A receipt will be generated following payment via cheque.

How to submit this application

Email to:

EnergyTitles.DITT@nt.gov.au

Post to:

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