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# Introduction

This form may be used to support an application for a restricted operations approval (Mullock Stockpiling) on a Class E Mining Purpose Claim. The form is suitable for mullock/stockpiling claims, provided:

* the claim area must not exceed two hectares and must not have any side being greater than 200 metres in length
* no mining or prospecting activities are undertaken.

***Please note:*** *Any MOP approval conditions relating to this activity are in addition to the standard CLASS E – MULLOCK claim conditions.*

# Mining Operation Plan requirements

Mineral Claim holders who have an approval to conduct restricted operations are required to operate in accordance with a Mining Operations Plan (MOP) that applies current best mining practice to achieve agreed environmental outcomes. Site activities must not be undertaken other than in accordance with a MOP that has been accepted by the Department.

A MOP may be approved for the term of the restricted operations approval, a period of up to one year. If the activities approved are not completed within the period of the approval, the holder of the Mineral Claim will need to reapply for a further approval.

# Plans

Plans may use an existing base or aerial photograph with activity areas and features drawn by hand, provided there is sufficient accuracy and detail for the Department to review the information shown. If contours are not shown, slopes and drainage lines must be clearly marked. The scale should show sufficient detail to review operations and rehabilitation. For most Class E Mineral Claims A4 sized plans will be adequate. Photographs and supportive diagrams should be submitted where possible. All plans must show:

* the name of the claim holder
* a graphical scale
* boundaries of claims and claim numbers
* the date of preparation.

## Plan 1: Existing Environment

Show existing features of the site as it is at the time of application:

* claim boundary
* natural features including dams and creeks
* non mining developments including roads, fences, residences
* significant vegetation features, e.g. mature trees
* adjoining claims and mining disturbances.

## Plan 2: Proposed Operations

Show the proposed state of the site at the maximum state of disturbance or the end of the MOP period including:

* claim boundary
* stockpile dimensions (length x width)
* staging of operations over the term of the MOP
* pad and bund wall construction
* topsoil stockpiles, salvaged timber storage areas
* anything else associated with the proposed activity.

Note: Plan 2 may use Plan 1 as its base.

## Plan 3: Final Rehabilitation

Show how you plan the site to look like following completion of activities:

* claim boundary
* remaining existing vegetation, especially mature trees
* natural features including creeks, watercourses;
* roads, fences, residences
* constructed drainage lines, water management and erosion control structures.

## Site Photographs

At least one clear photograph of the mineral claim area taken within one month of the time of application must be included with this application. Additional photographs may be submitted to illustrate features of the site.

## Notifications & Consents

Evidence of landowner’s consent (e.g. in the form of a letter) must be attached to the application, along with a copy of the newspaper notification.

# Claim details

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| Claim number |       | Expiry |       |
| Field name |       |
| Claim holder |       |
| Postal address |       |
| Phone |       | Email |       |
| Property name |       | Lessee |       |

# Describe the activity

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| Volume of stockpile (m3) |       |

Briefly describe how you will construct the pad areas and bund walls.

1. Vegetation removal and stockpiling
2. Soil Management, stripping and stockpiling
3. Bund wall construction
4. Sequence of operations
5. Machinery to be used (e.g. backhoe, excavator etc.)

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## Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form, and any attachment to this form, is true and correct in every detail.

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| Claim holder #1 |
| Name |       |
| Signature  |  | Date |       |

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| Claim holder #2 |
| Name |       |
| Signature  |  | Date |       |

Note: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under section 268 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, and Part 5A of the Crimes Act 1900.

## MOP checklist

[ ]  All details in form filled in, including signatures of claim holders

[ ]  Plan 1 – Existing Site

[ ]  Plan 2 – Proposed Mining Operations

[ ]  Plan 3 – Proposed Rehabilitation

[ ]  Site Photograph(s)

[ ]  Notifications and consents

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| **Notes:**       |

## Submitting the form

* **By email:** Send an electronic copy of the form including any attachments to nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com
* **By mail:** Mail your form and any attachments to NSW Resources Regulator, Compliance Coordination Unit, PO Box 344, Hunter Regional Mail Centre, NSW, 2310
* **In person:** The Lightning Ridge office of Mining, Exploration and Geoscience, Regional NSW, Lot 60 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge, NSW.

This form may not be submitted to other offices of NSW Planning, Industry and Environment or Regional NSW.

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