

7.5 EXPLORATION DRILLING ON SHIRE ROADS AND RESERVES

It is Council's policy that the following conditions be imposed on all licenses to carry out exploration drilling on Shire roads and reserves.

- a. The applicant is required to indemnify the Shire at all times against liability arising from the work.
- b. The applicant shall provide the Shire with a plan showing the site number and location of proposed drill holes with the completed application form.
- c. Application fees to be paid for a licence by applicants for exploration or investigation for minerals, water and other purposes in the road reserve shall be as follows, per drill hole or seismic hole.

i. 1 to 5 holes (inclusive)	License Fee of \$200.00
ii. 6 to 10 holes (inclusive)	License Fee of \$300.00
iii. 10 to 30 holes (inclusive)	License Fee of \$600.00
iv. 31 to 100 holes (inclusive)	License Fee of \$1,100.00
v. 101 holes and over	License Fee of \$1,500.00
- d. Where an applicant is a company actively mining or drilling in the district and holds a mineral lease which attracts Shire rates, a discount of 20% will apply to the license fee payable.
- e. A refundable deposit, being the same amount as the license fee, is payable. No discount will apply to the deposit. The fee shall be payable for each discrete program applied for. The bonds shall be refunded, subject to an inspection and acceptance by the Shire of Gingin of the site conditions following the investigation.
- f. The applicant is required to meet the cost of any damage to any Shire or private property.
- g. All holes, trenches and other excavations are to be back-filled with dry soils and compacted in such a way as to prevent future subsidence. All excess spoil to be removed where requested. Capping an uncased hole is not permitted.
- h. Excavation and bores are to be located a minimum distance of 2 metres from any bitumen road, drain, fence or driveway.
- i. Where plant is working such that a traffic hazard exists, signs and lights are to be used in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.
- j. The applicant is to be covered by a Public Risk policy (minimum \$5 million) and appropriate Worker's Compensation and general policies, as the Shire will not be liable for any costs arising from the operation.
- k. The applicant is responsible for ascertaining the position of all public services including underground services and avoiding damage to them.
- l. Polluted discharges occurring from the work site are to be trapped and only clean waters will be accepted to the public drainage system.

- m. Large volume discharges are to be dispersed slowly to avoid erosion and scours to land and drain surfaces.
- n. The applicant is required to inform the Chief Executive Officer of significant materials encountered, e.g. Laterite Gravel, Limestone, Granite, Water etc.
- o. Three (3) days notice is to be given prior to commencement and the applicant is to provide a timed schedule of works.
- p. The drilling company shall provide suitable plan/map showing the location of the holes to be drilled prior to the issue of the letter of approval.

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