

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN EXPLORATION LICENCE**

*Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 – Section 15(5)*

*Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations 2019 – Regulation 22(1) and Schedule 1*

### **1. Name and address of applicant(s):**

Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd  
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### **2. Contact details of applicant (for map and other information requests):**

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**3. Applicant's Website (see notes)** Further information about this application is available at the following websites: [www.amets.com.au/victoria-tenements/](http://www.amets.com.au/victoria-tenements/) and [www.earthresources.vic.gov.au/licenceapplications](http://www.earthresources.vic.gov.au/licenceapplications)

### **4. Details of the application:**

**Application number:** EL007743

**Locality of the land to which the application relates:** 3km east of Maroona, 4km north of Tatyoon, 14km south of Ararat

**Approximate area of the application (Graticular Sections):** 42

**Date of the application:** 10 September 2021

**Term the licences are applied for:** 5 years

**Outline of the proposed programs of work:** Desktop studies, mapping, geochemical sampling, geophysical surveys, drilling

### **5. Objections and Comments:**

Any person may object or comment to a licence being granted by:

- a. putting the objection or comment in writing; and
- b. including the grounds on which it is made

Objections or comments must be lodged within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised and can be lodged online or posted to:

The Minister for Resources

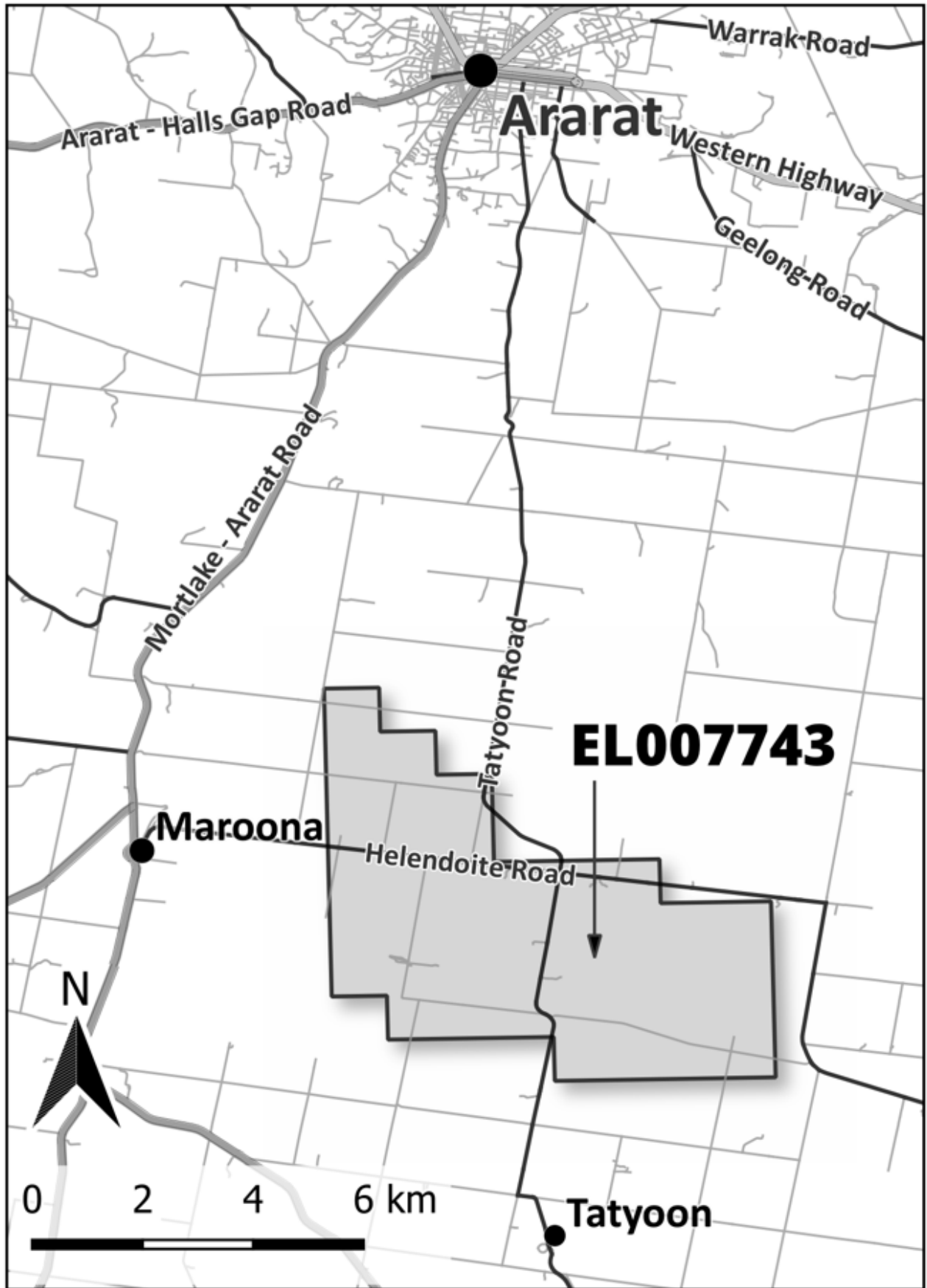
c/- Manager Licensing, Earth Resources Regulation, GPO Box 4509, Melbourne Victoria 3001

It is recommended that objections or comments are lodged online to ensure timely consideration:  
<https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission>

Enquiries can be made by writing to the Manager Licensing at the above address or by phoning the Earth Resources Information Centre on 1300 366 356.

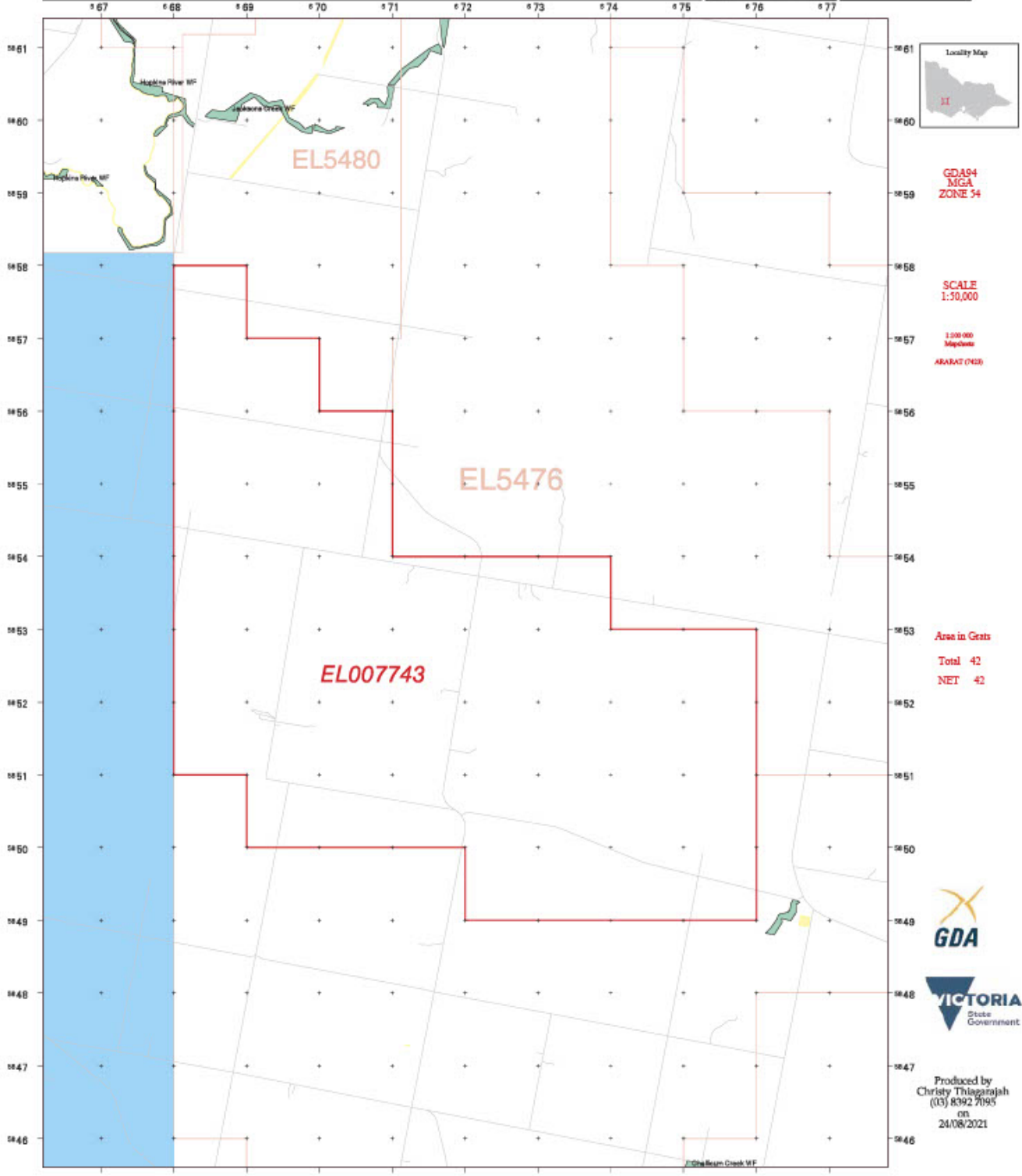
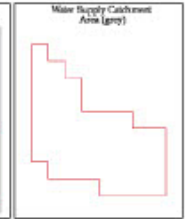
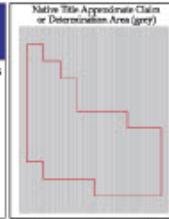
### **6. Other information:**

- a. Subject to other requirements being satisfied, an exploration licence, if granted, entitles the holder of the licence to explore and search for minerals in the relevant land, but does not entitle the holder to undertake mining.
- b. Further information regarding the requirements that must be complied with prior to work being undertaken is available on the department's Community & Land Use page: <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>



# EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 007743

- Unavailable for Searching or Exploration or Mining MRSDA 1990 Sec 6. Includes National, State & Wilderness Parks and Reference Areas
- Exempted from being subject to Exploration &/or Mining Licences, MRSDA 1990 Sec 7. May be revoked by notice in the Govt Gazette.
- Restricted Crown Land, Schedule 3 of MRSDA 1990. Consent required to do work on the land.
- Other Crown Land
- Commonwealth Land. Subject to Commonwealth legislation.
- Exploration Initiative Area exempted for a limited time from being subject to Exploration and/or Mining Licences, MRSDA 1990 Sec. 7
- Land not included in the Licence due to a licence or licence application existing or having priority at the date of application.



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NOTE: The accuracy of the location of the lead sites shown may vary according to the scale and mapping accuracy. Areas of private land within Crown Land may not be shown. The precise locations should be verified with Crown Land & Assets if access to the land is proposed. Where the Licence Application abuts unavailability land, the Licence boundary is defined by the boundary of the Unavailable Land. Discrepancies on this plan between the boundaries may be due to scale and mapping inaccuracy. The Licence does not include Crown land other than roads and road reserves.

## Work Program

### Year 1

- Literature Review
- Geological Interpretation
- Mapping/Rock Sampling
- Soil Sampling

### Year 2

- Infill Soils
- Gravity Survey

### Year 3

- Air Core Drilling

### Year 4

- Air Core Drilling

### Year 5

- Diamond Drilling
- Petrography Study
- Structural study

## Community Engagement Strategy

Under section 39A of the MRSDA, Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd has a duty to consult with the community throughout the period of the licence by sharing with the community information about any activities authorised by the licence that may affect the community and giving community members a reasonable opportunity to express their views about those activities. The type and level of consultation will vary according to the stage and complexity of the project, the potential risks and who may be affected.

Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd use the guidance provided in the **Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration** and DJPR's **Community Engagement Guidelines for Mining and Mineral Exploration in Victoria** to design appropriate community consultation material. Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd tailors its community engagement strategy for each exploration program to meet the community's dynamics and the level of exploration planned.

Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd recognises the importance of community engagement as an integral part of our exploration activities. We set out to develop strong, open and honest relationships with our neighbours by encouraging community confidence and mutual respect.

Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd commences the consultation phase at the design stage of an exploration program to ensure that any risks associated with an operation are identified early in the process, concerns of land owners / occupiers and local residents are appropriately addressed, and exploration works will not cause unnecessary adverse effects or conflict with other land users.

During the active exploration phase, Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd keeps in regular contact with landholders and any directly affected neighbours to ensure that any issues are quickly addressed. Once exploration and rehabilitation is complete, Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd seeks feedback from landholders to ensure that they are satisfied that the rehabilitation works are suitable.

Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd aims to keep the community informed through all phases of exploration (planning, drilling and rehabilitation) through a combination of communication methods, which may include:

- the company's website ([www.navarre.com.au](http://www.navarre.com.au));
- local print media
- mailouts (print and electronic) to landholders directly and indirectly affected by exploration activities with details of designated Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd contact personnel;
- meetings with local authorities and Government agencies; and
- meetings with key landholders, individuals and representative groups to seek feedback on the execution of exploration activities.

Western Victoria Gold Pty Ltd is a subsidiary company of Navarre Minerals Limited.

## **Environmental Strategy**

Navarre conducts all exploration activities in accordance with regulations set out by the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 ('MRSDA'), with emphasis on the social and environmental impacts of mineral exploration.

The majority of activities proposed by Western Victoria Gold fit under the MRSDA definition of Low Impact Exploration and as such, no work plan is required. If any exploration is to be conducted outside the Low Impact Exploration definition, a work plan will be lodged with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions ('DJPR').

In executing activities defined as Low Impact Exploration, the Company is required to adhere to DJPR's Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration: Standards, procedures and practical guidance under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 ([www.earthresources.vic.gov.au](http://www.earthresources.vic.gov.au)).

The Code of Practice sets best practice requirements for minimising impact to the environment and to communities in which the Company operates. Western Victoria Gold ensures each activity undertaken as part of an exploration program is executed to meet the standards set out in the Code of Practice, and this is reflected in Western Victoria Gold's internal procedures. A recent inspection by DJPR of a diamond drilling program demonstrated compliance with the Code of Practice for drilling and rehabilitation activities.