

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):

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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:

www.amets.com.au/victoria-tenements/ and www.earthresources.vic.gov.au/licenceapplications

4. Details of the application:

Application number: EL008929

Locality of the land to which the application relates: 8.4km northwest of Bruthen, 23km southeast of Dargo, including Deptford and Bullumwaal

Approximate area of the application (Graticular Sections): 249

Date of the application: 7 May 2026

Term the licences are applied for: 5 years

Outline of the proposed programs of work: Desktop studies, geological sampling, surveying, 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 Energy and Resources c/- Manager Licensing
Resources Victoria
PO Box 500
East Melbourne Victoria 8002

It is recommended that objections or comments are lodged online to ensure timely consideration:

<https://rram-vic.gov.my.site.com/ObjectionSubmission>

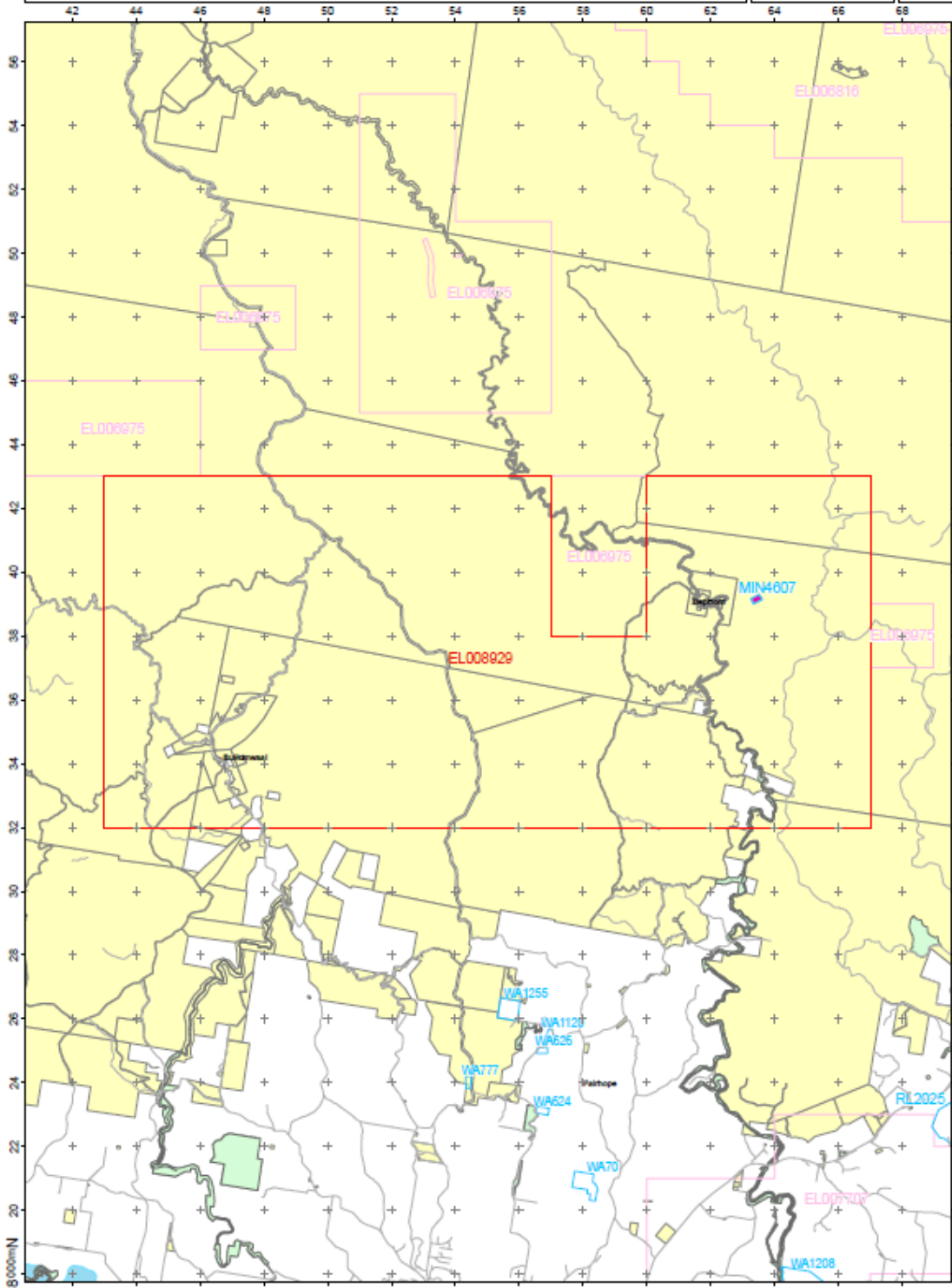
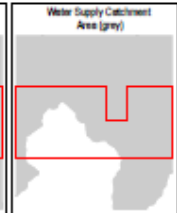
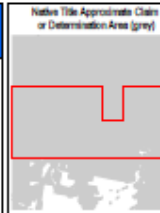
Enquiries can be made by writing to the Manager Licensing at the above address or phoning Resources Victoria on 136 186.

6. Other Statutory Requirements:

- 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 statutory requirements that must be complied with prior to work being undertaken on a licence, including landowner and occupier consent requirements, is available on the department's Community & Land Use page: <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>

APPLICATION AREA EL008929

- 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.
- 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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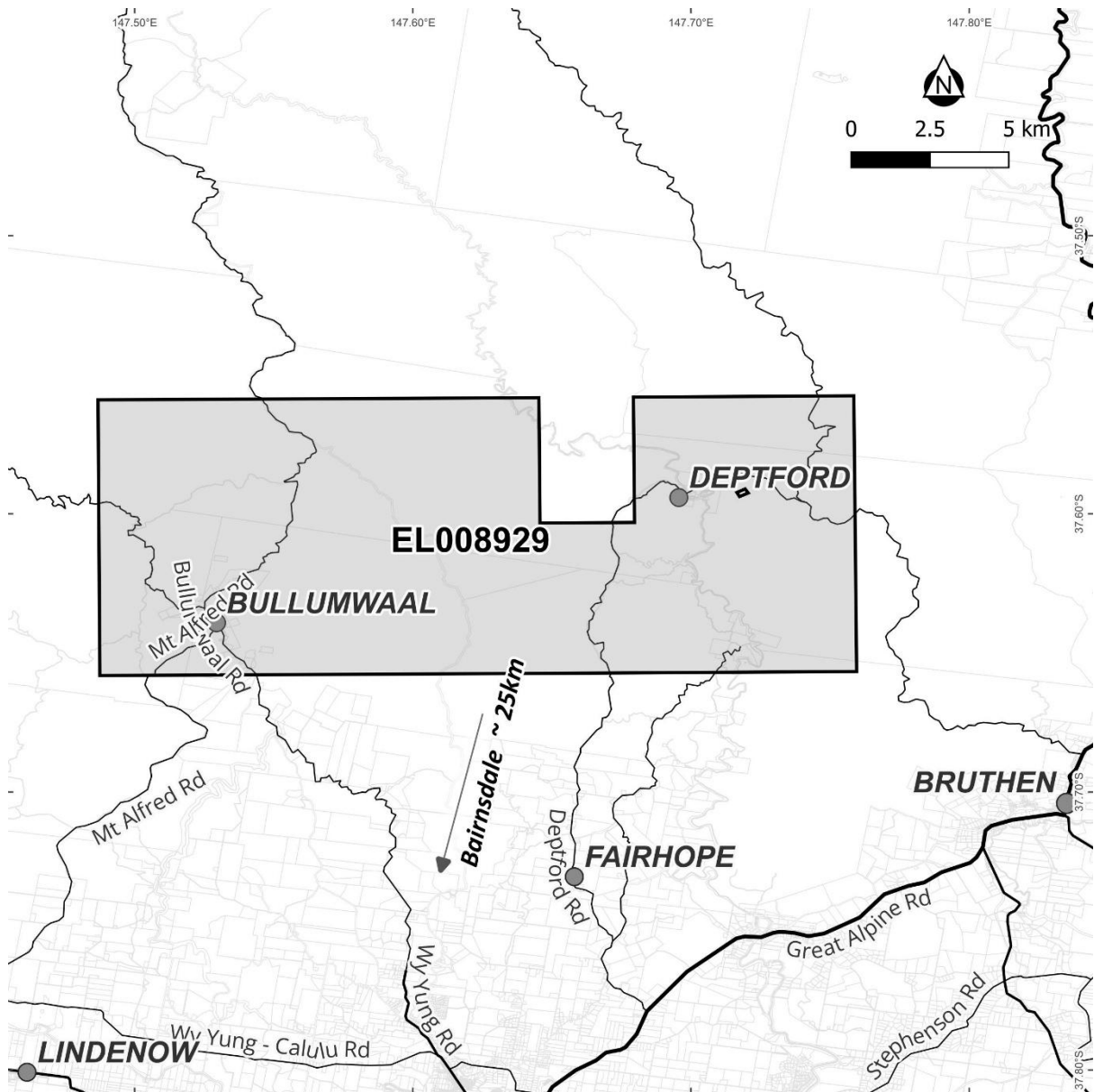
Area in Grats
Total 249
Net 249



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NOTE: The accuracy of the location of the land status areas 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 unavailable 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.



Work Program

YEAR 1

- Compilation of historic datasets relating to the entire tenement area
- Acquisition of Lidar dataset over the entire tenement area
- Interrogation of above datasets and identification and prioritisation of target areas
- Geological and structural mapping
- Geochemical sampling and analysis
- Bulk sampling
- Conduct landholder negotiations and develop land access agreements across target areas

YEAR 2 - 3

- Further investigation of targets as identified during the work conducted in the first year.
 - geological and structural mapping
 - geochemical sampling (and full suite analysis)
 - mineralogical and petrological studies (ore characterisation)
 - drill testing of identified targets
 - geophysical surveying (magnetics, gravity)
 - resource modelling
 - Mineral Resource Estimation (MRE) reporting
- Development of Work Plan and associated documentation for small-scale alluvial operation
- Apply for Mining Licence over alluvial ground
- Community consultation
- Ongoing environmental and rehabilitation management as required

YEAR 3 - 5

- Systematic development of the geological and geochemical exploration model/s of the tenement's target areas.
 - geological & structural mapping
 - geochemical sampling (and full suite analysis)
 - geophysical surveys and associated interpretation
 - identification and drill testing of targets zones
 - metallurgical and mineral processing studies (plant trials)
 - resource modelling
 - Mineral Resource Estimation (MRE) reporting
- Commence small-scale alluvial mining
- Development of Work Plan and associated documentation for hard-rock mining & processing
- Community consultation
- Ongoing environmental and rehabilitation management as required

Environment Strategy

ARCC Enterprises Pty Ltd (“The Company”) recognises that its exploration activities may have environmental impacts which could affect its licence to operate in the East Gippsland region of Victoria.

The Company is committed to operating in an ethical and sustainable manner that minimises negative impacts on the environment.

The Company will ensure that the proposed exploration program for EL008929 will be conducted in line with industry best practices to ensure that it has minimal or zero impact on the environment, including any disruption to the local community.

The Company will ensure that its exploration activities are carried out in accordance with all Licence Conditions and in line with the *Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act) 1990 (Vic)* (“**Code of Practice**”).

This will include, but not necessarily be limited to the following work practices:

- The preservation of all Aboriginal Cultural Heritage within the exploration area.
- The prevention or minimisation of spills, leaks and discharges of fuels, oils, and hazardous substances.
- The installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control structures to prevent discharges to waterways.
- The adoption of specific protocols and practices to minimise the spread of pests, noxious weeds, and vectors, including via importation off-site soils / materials.
- The adoption of biosecurity protocols as may be relevant to local landowners.
- The disposal of all site-generated waste at a licensed waste management facility.
- The implementation of an emergency response plan.
- The adoption of air quality measures to minimise the impact of noise, dust, and odour emissions.
- The submission of a Rehabilitation Bond (under the Code of Practice) prior to the commencement of any ground disturbing activities.
- The utilisation of existing tracks and roads for wherever possible to minimise ground disturbance from site vehicles and equipment.
- The rehabilitation of all disturbed areas as soon as practicable following completion of exploration activities.
- The Company will comply with the *Environment Protection Act 1970 (VIC)* and the State *Environment Protection Policy (SEPP): Waters of Victoria (2003)* and any other relevant legislation.

Community Engagement Plan

ARCC Enterprises Pty Ltd (“The Company”) is required by Section 39A of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* to consult with the community throughout the period of the licence term. Specifically, the Company will ensure that:

- It provides timely information about any activities authorised under the licence that may affect the community.
- It provides members of the community with the opportunity to openly express their views about those activities.
- It responds to all community feedback in a timely and open manner.

The Company is committed to maintaining the highest Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards and recognises the importance of building and maintaining long-term relationships with all stakeholders.

The Company is committed to conducting its activities in good faith taking community interests and concerns into consideration when undertaking and managing its exploration activities.

The Company plans to undertake the following community consultation activities:

- Forums (online and face-to-face) and one on one communications to ensure all stakeholders are kept informed of any potential impacts from the Company's exploration activities.
- Establish a Complaints Register.
- Provide multiple feedback mechanisms (phone, email, website, Q&A forums etc.) to facilitate timely and open dialogue.
- Establish a formal record of community engagement activities and make this record available to the community.
- Provide forward notification (as required under The Act) to all stakeholders of the Company's intended exploration activities as outlined in an approved Work Plan.
- Engage local expertise (where appropriate) in discussions and decisions pertaining to the Company's exploration activities (including land management / rehabilitation).