NSW Resources

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Form WC23B (formerly Form WC2B/WC6B)

Applicant declaration of landholder notice of intention to exercise rights under a small-scale title

Use this form to confirm you have notified the landholder before finalising an application for the grant of a new mineral claim application or opal prospecting licence, or an application for the renewal of an existing mineral claim, within the White Cliffs Mineral Claims District.

Before you start

You will need to:

- For new applications:
  - have already lodged Form WC2A – Application for a mineral claim
  - have already lodged Form SST3 – Application for an opal prospecting licence.
- **For renewals:** lodge Form WC6A – Application for the renewal of a mineral claim, within 2 months before the claim is due to expire.
- Complete the landholder notification (Form WC23)
  - include a map with Form WC23 for all applications for new grants or any renewal applications **where the claim area is being reduced**.
  - retain a copy of Form WC23 (and map if required)
  - send to the landholder via registered post
  - provide the department with a copy of Form WC23 and proof that it was sent by registered post, such as a receipt with tracking number or photo of the post-stamped envelope.

How to submit this form

This form can be submitted:

- by email: whitecliffs@dpird.nsw.gov.au
- by post: NSW Resources, PO Box 314, Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834.
- in-person: Department office, 41 Opal Street, Lightning Ridge, NSW.

Office hours are:

Monday to Thursday: 9.30am to 1pm and 2 to 4pm

Friday: 9:30am to 1pm.

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Need assistance?

If you have any questions or need help lodging this application, get in touch with the NSW Resources Small Scale Titles team via the contact details above or phone: 02 6820 5200.

1. Application type

Please select the type of application this declaration relates to:

- ☐ Application for grant – Mineral claim
- ☐ Application for grant – Opal prospecting licence (OPL)
- ☐ Application for renewal – Mineral claim

2. Applicant(s) details

Applicant details - (person(s) or company holding the small-scale title)	
Mineral claim / OPL number	
First applicant name	
Second applicant name (if applicable)	
Company name (if applicable)	
Company contact person (if applicable)	

3. Form WC23 details

Details of serving Form WC23: Landholder notification of intention to exercise rights under a small-scale title within the White Cliffs Mineral Claims District to the landholder	
Landholder(s) name that the Form WC23 notice was sent to: **(Note: this is not the holder of the mineral claim)**	
Date the notice was posted to the landholder (dd/mm/yyyy): **Note: Your application will begin processing seven (7) working days after the WC23 notice was posted.**	

The following has been completed as evidence:

- ☐ A copy of the landholder notification (Form WC23) has been provided with my application.
- ☐ A copy of the map served to the landholder has been provided with my application (required for applications for **new grants**).
- ☐ I am completing a renewal for only part of my mineral claim (not the whole area) and have provided a map indicating the new mineral claim area to the landholder. A copy of the map served has been provided with my application. (Note: Full renewals do NOT need to provide a map.)
- ☐ Proof of postage has been provided with my application, either:

☐ Registered post receipt (this is a receipt from Australia Post that shows Form WC23 has been accepted for delivery)

OR

☐ Australia Post proof of delivery (signature on delivery and online tracking).

4. Fees and charges

You are not required to pay fees with this form. Fees are collected as part of the associated Form WC2A (application for grant of a mineral claim), Form SST3 (application for grant of an opal prospecting licence) or Form WC6A (renewal application) processes.

5. Declaration

5.1. Applicant(s) (individual or company) declaration

Each applicant (or authorised representative of a company) must complete the declaration below:

- I certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand under the *Crimes Act 1900 NSW* Part 5A, that knowingly or recklessly giving false or misleading information is a serious offence, and under the *Mining Act 1992* section 378C, any person who provides information that the person knows to be false or misleading is guilty of an offence, for which they may be subject to prosecution.
- I declare that I am authorised to complete and lodge this application as either the title holder, or company director.

1st Applicant details	
Name	
Date	
Signature	

2nd Applicant details (if applicable)	
Name	
Date	
Signature	

Company applicant details (if applicable)	
Name	
Position/title (e.g. Director)	
Date	
Signature	

5.2. Additional applicants

If there are more than 2 small-scale titleholders, please provide their signed declaration as an attachment. The attachment must be a copy of the declaration page that the additional applicants have filled in their name, date, and signed.

☐ I have attached a signed declaration for additional applicants.

6. Agent authorised to act for the applicant(s) (if applicable)

As the applicant, you can appoint an agent to lodge an application on your behalf. You will need to provide written notice that you have appointed a person as your agent.

The authorised agent must complete the declaration below and sign this form:

- I certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand under the *Crimes Act 1900 NSW Part 5A,* that knowingly or recklessly giving false or misleading information is a serious offence, and under the *Mining Act 1992* section 378C, any person who provides information that the person knows to be false or misleading is guilty of an offence, for which they may be subject to prosecution.
- I declare that I am authorised to complete and lodge this application on behalf of the applicant(s).
- Evidence of Agency was provided.

Agent details	
Name	
Date	
Signature	

Office use only

Application received
Officer's name:

Privacy statement

View the department's privacy statement on how information in this application will be used.

Please note:

- This form is required to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that an applicant has complied with the requirements of section 266 (4)(b) of the Mining Act for an application relating to grant or renewal of a small-scale title in the White Cliffs Mineral Claims District.
- Form WC23B meets the requirements of section 178, 197 and 226 of the *Mining Act 1992* and the Mining Regulation 2016.
- Any reference to the 'department' in this form refers to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

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