



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING 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:

Core Prospecting Pty Ltd
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2. Contact phone number and email address of the applicant for maps 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: <https://coreprospecting.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/MIN008018-Notice-of-Application.pdf> and <https://resources.vic.gov.au/licensing-approvals/have-your-say>

4. Details of the application, including:

Application number: MIN008018

Locality or localities where the land to which the application relates is located:

Approx. 3km west of Percydale and 9km west of Avoca

Approximate area of land to which the application relates in hectares: 4.6Ha

Date of the application: 16 January 2026

Outline of the proposed program of work to which the application relates: The Fiddlers Creek underground gold mine is currently in production under existing prospecting licence approvals. The new mining licence will allow production and development of the mine to continue including decline advancement, ore development and stoping operations, diamond drilling to update the block model and assess future expansion feasibility. The ore will be processed offsite at a mill facility at Wedderburn.

Term the licence is applied for: 10 years

5. Objections:

Any person may object or comment to a licence being granted. (Sections 24 and 24A, *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*).

A person who objects or comments must:

- put the objection or comment in writing; and
- include the grounds on which it is made.

All 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:

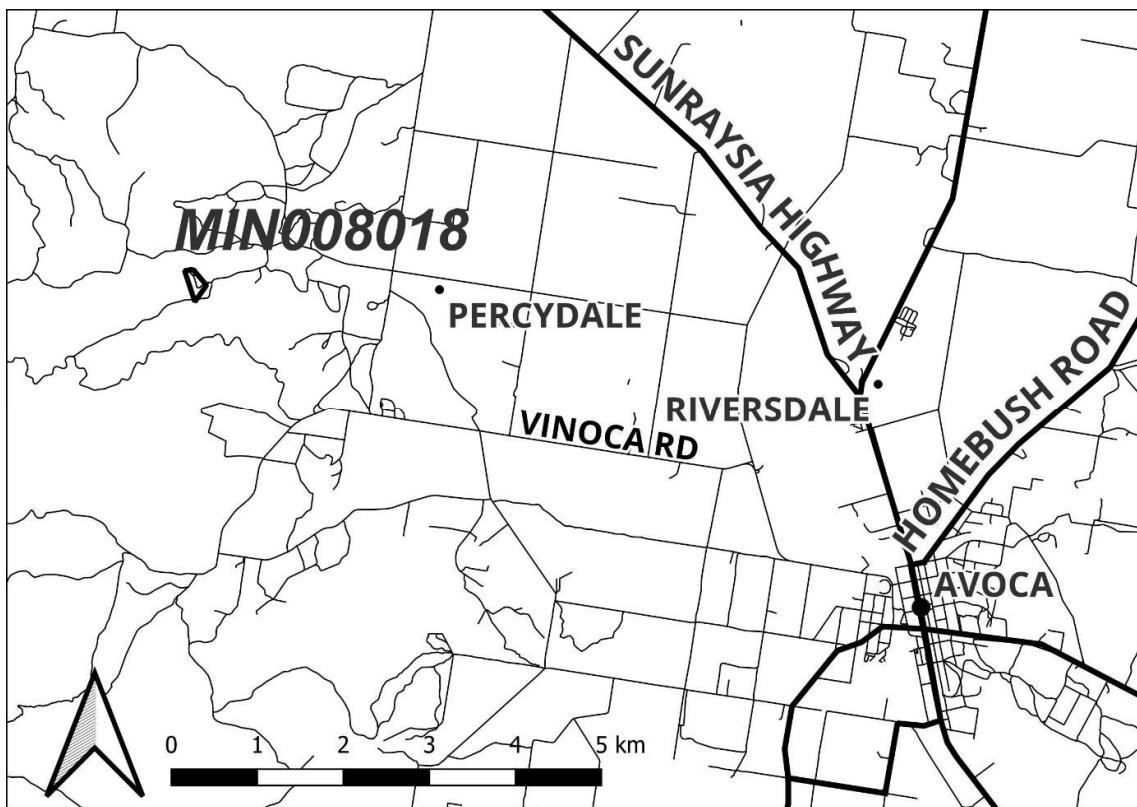
The Minister for Energy and Resources
c/- Manager Licensing
Earth Resources Regulator
PO Box 500
East Melbourne Victoria 8002

It is recommended that objections or comments are lodged online at <https://rram-vic-gov.my.site.com/ObjectionSubmission> to ensure timely consideration.

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

6. Other information:

- a. Subject to other statutory requirements being satisfied, a mining licence, if granted, entitles the holder of the licence to carry out mining on the relevant land, explore for minerals, construct any facilities specified in the licence, and do anything else that is incidental to that 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 and land use' page:
<https://resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>

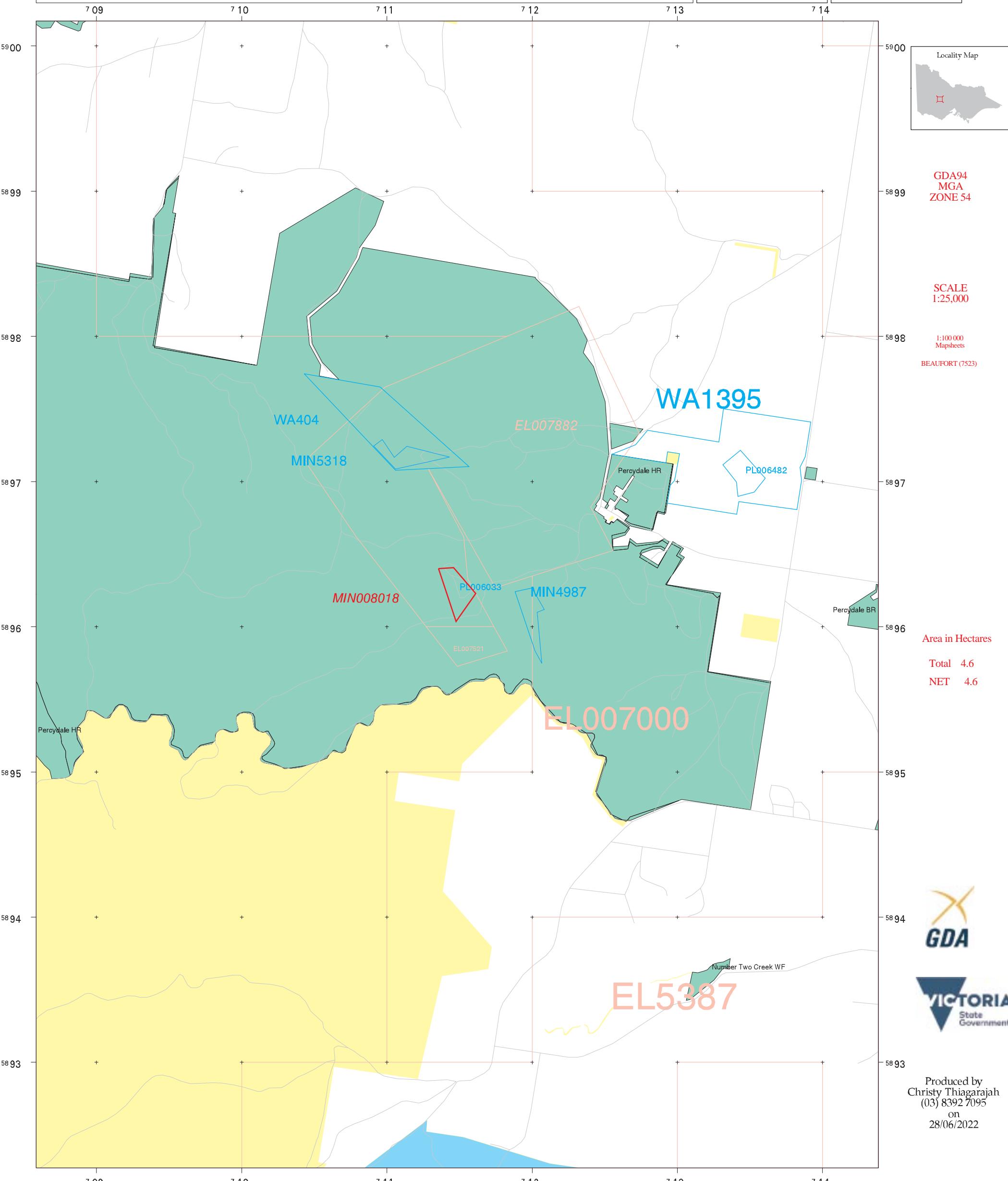


APPLICATION AREA MIN008018

- █ 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.

Native Title Approximate Claim or Determination Area (grey)

1:100,000 MapSheets



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1. Details of the proposed program of work on the licence.

Core Prospecting Pty Ltd intends to continue mining operations under existing Work Plan PLN-00908, encompassing a five-year program that includes:

Year 1:

- Site set up including signage, fencing, ROM pad
- Decline advancement to 2nd level

Year 2:

- Ore development and stoping of 2 level
- Channel sampling and reconciliation work
- Site set up - offices, ablutions, etc
- Diamond drilling - target extensions

Year 3:

- Decline advancement
- Ore development and stoping
- Diamond drilling - definition drill out
- Block model re-run and feasibility studies

Year 4:

- Ore development and stoping
- Diamond drilling - geotechnical / metallurgical drill holes
- Additional development / MIN expansion application - (dependent on drill success on MIN and surrounding EL)
- Obtain any necessary approvals/permits if required

Year 5:

- Ore development and stoping
- Additional development / MIN expansion application - (dependent on drill success on MIN and surrounding EL)
- Obtain any necessary approvals/permits if required

The ore will be brought to surface and placed on the Run-of-Mill stockpile and then transported to a mill facility for processing offsite.

2. A description of the applicant's systems for managing impacts of the proposed work on the community (including landowners and occupiers) and the environment.

Environment Strategy

Core Prospecting Pty Ltd has established systems to manage environmental and community impacts through completing rehabilitation as soon as practicable following exploration activities, conducted in accordance with Victorian Government Guidelines for environmental management in exploration and mining. The company ensures all personnel and contractors receive site-specific environmental

training covering weed management, protection of threatened species, and engagement with landowners and occupiers potentially affected by operations. Core Prospecting Pty Ltd operates under a framework that prioritizes impact avoidance where feasible and minimization where unavoidable, maintaining compliance with all relevant guidelines while implementing systematic rehabilitation practices to restore disturbed land and minimize disruption to the local community and environment.

3. An outline of how the applicant intends to meet the licensee's obligations under section 39A of the MRSDA to consult with the community (including landowners and occupiers).

The Community Engagement Plan

Core Prospecting Pty Ltd will identify all stakeholders potentially affected by exploration activities, including neighbouring landowners, local residents, relevant community organizations, government departments at all levels, and catchment management authorities. Through direct consultation, preferably face-to-face, the company will assess community expectations and concerns regarding proposed operations, evaluating impacts against departmental guidelines to determine appropriate levels of community involvement. Consultation will address practical operational matters including work schedules, fire danger protocols, and weather-related work practices, seeking mutually beneficial outcomes for both the company and local community.

All community contacts and complaints will be documented in a dedicated register with prompt follow-up and resolution attempted directly between parties, escalating to the local Inspector or Mining Warden for mediation when necessary. This ongoing engagement will identify emerging issues and incorporate stakeholder input into operational decisions, ensuring minimal disruption to local amenity and quality of life. Core Prospecting Pty Ltd is committed to maintaining transparent communication channels and conducting all interactions with mutual trust and respect.