

**52.08**24/01/2020  
VC160**EARTH AND ENERGY RESOURCES INDUSTRY****Purpose**

To encourage land to be used and developed for exploration and extraction of earth and energy resources in accordance with acceptable environmental standards.

To ensure that geothermal energy extraction, greenhouse gas sequestration, mining and petroleum production are not prohibited land uses.

To ensure that planning controls for the use and development of land for the exploration and extraction of earth and energy resources are consistent with other legislation governing these land uses.

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VC160**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to use and develop land for earth and energy resources industry unless the table to this clause specifically states that a permit is not required.

**Table of exemptions**

| <b>No permit is required to use or develop land for earth and energy resources industry if the following conditions are met:</b> |  |
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| Extractive industry  | Complies with Section 77T of the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> .   |
| Geothermal energy exploration  | Complies with the <i>Geothermal Energy Resources Act 2005</i> .  |
| Geothermal energy extraction   | Complies with Section 62 of the <i>Geothermal Energy Resources Act 2005</i> .  |
| Greenhouse gas sequestration exploration   | Complies with Section 189 of the <i>Greenhouse Gas Geological Sequestration Act 2008</i> .   |
| Greenhouse gas sequestration   | Complies with Section 191 of the <i>Geological Sequestration Act 2008</i> .  |
| Mineral exploration  | Complies with Section 43(3) of the <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> .   |
| Mining   | Complies with Section 42(7) or Section 42A <i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i> ; or<br>Complies with Section 47A of the <i>Electricity Industry Act 1993</i> . |
| Petroleum exploration  | Complies with Section 118 of the <i>Petroleum Act 1998</i> .   |
| Petroleum production   | Complies with Section 120 of the <i>Petroleum Act 1998</i> .   |
| Stone exploration  | Must not be costeaning or bulk sampling.   |

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VC160**Application requirements for mining**

An application to use and develop land for mining must be accompanied by:

- A copy of a work plan or a variation to an approved work plan that has received statutory endorsement under section 77TD of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.
- The written notice of statutory endorsement under section 77TD(1) of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.
- Any conditions specified under section 77TD(3) of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.

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**Referral requirements for mining**

An application to use or develop land for mining must be referred under section 55 of the Act to the person or body specified as the referral authority in Clause 66.

Unless the referral authority is the Roads Corporation, the referral requirement in Clause 66 does not apply if a copy of a work plan or variation to an approved work plan accompanying the application was given to the referral authority under section 77TE of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.