

CONDITIONS RELATING TO PROSPECTING LICENCES

1. A Prospecting Licence enables the holder to prospect for minerals on some lands which are subject to the *Mineral Resources Development Act 1995*.
2. Prospecting is allowed on Permanent Timber Production Zone Land, Future Potential Production Forest, Regional Reserves, and in some Conservation Areas.
3. Prospecting is **not** allowed in National Parks, Nature Reserves, Nature Recreation Areas, Historic Sites, Conservation Covenanted Areas and in public and municipal reserves (tips, cemeteries, etc.).
4. Prospecting on private property or existing mining leases, retention licences or exploration licences may only be conducted with the consent of the property owner or the holder of the mineral tenement.
5. Prospecting on land which is subject to an application for an exploration licence or a mining lease may only be conducted with the consent of both the applicant and the Director of Mines.
6. Only hand prospecting for material is allowed and only hand-held tools may be used. Hand held and un-motorised sluices which are less than 1m in length and can be easily carried in the field by an average person, may be used. If in doubt, check with MRT prior to their use.
7. The use of any explosives is prohibited.
8. The use of mechanised machinery, dredges, sluices, high-bankers, trommels and motorised pumps is prohibited.
9. The use of suction dredges is illegal in Tasmania.
10. Prospectors are to conduct activities in a manner as not to cause or aggravate soil erosion.
11. Excavation on any natural stream bank is not permitted. Banks must not be undermined.
12. Prospecting in roadside gutters, or extraction from road embankments, is not permitted.
13. All care is to be taken in the prospecting of materials and any diggings shall be restored to normal surface level before leaving the area.
14. No vegetation is to be cut or removed.
15. Discovery of mineral and fossil specimens not recognised as common should be referred to Mineral Resources Tasmania.
16. No Aboriginal artefacts or site, or historic relics or site, are to be damaged or removed.
17. No speleothems (stalactites, etc.) are to be removed from caves, even if previously broken or not. Removal of speleothems is an offence and offenders can be prosecuted.
18. Excavation in any sinkhole in a karst area or within 10 metres of the entrance of or within any cave is not permitted.
19. Vehicles are not to be taken off formed tracks.
20. No fires are to be lit.