

# MT9: Reporting

## Purpose

To outline the proposed changes for reporting requirements under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* (the Act) and Mineral Titles Regulations 2011 (the Regulations).

## Overview

A mineral title holder is required to submit various reports relating to activities conducted on their mineral title. These reporting requirements are mandatory when holding and maintaining a mineral title. They provide valuable information on resource exploration, development and production and assist in the search for new mineral deposits in the Northern Territory.

Under the Act and subject to the mineral title held, a mineral title holder may be required to submit the following reports:

Reporting requirements	
Annual Report	A report detailing the authorised activities conducted under the mineral title in an operational year <sup>1</sup> .
Expenditure Report	A report detailing the expenditure incurred for conducting the authorised activities in an operational year.
Production Report	A report detailing the minerals or extractive minerals removed in the mineral title.
Reserves Report	A report outlining the mineral reserves that the title holder believes are in the title area.
Final Report	A report detailing the work conducted on the mineral title until such time the title ceases to exist for all or part of the title area. A Final Report is also required when an application is made to vary, cancel, subdivide, combine or cancel a mineral title.
Amalgamated Reporting	The approved combined reporting of Annual Reports or Expenditure Reports for two or more mineral titles if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the reports relate to titles held by the same person, body corporate or related body corporate</li> <li>the titles are of the same type and in the same geological area</li> <li>the title areas are adjoining or substantially contiguous.</li> </ul>
Technical Work Program	A Technical Work Program is a summary of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the technical work proposed to be carried out for conducting authorised activities under a mineral title</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> An operational year for a mineral title means the period of 12 months immediately after the title comes into force and each subsequent period of 12 months.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the proposed expenditure for carrying out the technical work</li> <li>for renewal applications – the technical and financial resources available to the applicant for carrying out the technical work.</li> </ul>

## Improving our reporting requirements

The NT Government is exploring avenues to ensure reporting is robust and beneficial to the overall development of the Territory while also streamlining requirements for reporting.

Many of the proposed changes are designed to align with current practices, change existing report names and lodgement dates, or to provide the Minister with the ability to conduct an audit on amounts claimed as expenditure.

Proposed changes	
Annual Report	With the <i>Mining Management Act 2001</i> (MMA) set to be repealed on 1 July 2024, the requirement to obtain the Minister's approval to provide the Annual Report on the same day as one or more reports that are required under the MMA is no longer required.
Expenditure Report	It is proposed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>allow related bodies and corporations to apply for an expenditure project area, as they can for Amalgamated Reporting</li> <li>provide the Minister with the capacity to conduct an audit and request justification and/or clarification for amounts claimed as expenditure in the Expenditure Report</li> <li>amend the lodgement date of an Expenditure Report to 60 days after the end of each operational year, to coincide with the lodgement of the Annual Report.</li> </ul>
Production Report	It is proposed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>specify that mineral claims converted to mineral leases (MLs) do not have to provide a Production Report</li> <li>introduce a late lodgement fee for Production Reports at the Minister's discretion.</li> </ul>
Reserves Report	It is proposed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>amend the term 'Reserves Report' to 'Resource Report' to better reflect the actual contents of the report</li> <li>require mineral exploration licences (ELs) to provide a Reserves Report</li> <li>amend the lodgement date of a Reserves Report to 60 days after the end of each operational year, to coincide with the lodgement of the Annual and Expenditure Report. The alignment may also allow for the capacity to accept a Reserves Report within the Annual Report, particularly for ELs</li> <li>remove the ability to combine a Production and Reserves Report as these reports are proposed to have two separate reporting deadlines</li> <li>introduce a late lodgement fee for Reserves Reports at the Minister's discretion.</li> </ul>
Final Report	It is proposed to:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• redefine the use of a Final Report which is to apply when all of a title area ceases. A Partial Relinquishment Report would apply when only part of a title area ceases (see below)</li> <li>• allow for Final Reports to be lodged as an Amalgamated Report where the titles are already part of an approved amalgamated reporting.</li> </ul>
Partial Relinquishment Report	The Partial Relinquishment Report is a new report that would only apply when one part of a title area ceases.
Amalgamated Reporting	<p>It is proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amend the term 'Amalgamated Reporting' to 'Group Reporting' to avoid any confusion with the management of amalgamated titles</li> <li>• clarify for the purposes of reporting that all mineral titles subject to Amalgamated Reporting would have a lodgement date calculated based on a reporting period<sup>2</sup> and not an operational year</li> <li>• provide the Minister with discretion to add or remove titles from the approved Amalgamated Reporting to reduce administrative burden and to also extend this discretion to title holders</li> <li>• require an application for approved Amalgamated Reporting to include both Annual and Expenditure Reports</li> <li>• remove the requirement that title areas must be no more than five blocks apart to apply for Amalgamated Reporting. Instead, the Minister should be given the authority to decide for each application on a case-by-case basis.</li> </ul>
Technical Work Program	<p>It is proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amend the lodgement date of the Technical Work Program to 60 days after the end of each operational year, to coincide with the lodgement of the Annual and Expenditure Report</li> <li>• allow the Technical Work Program to replace page 2 of the approved Expenditure Report to reduce duplicate reporting on expenditure.</li> </ul>

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<sup>2</sup> Reporting period approved as part of the process for obtaining amalgamated reporting.

## Proposed changes to lodgement dates and fees

Report	Act	Regulations	Mineral Titles <sup>3</sup>	Current Lodgement Date	Proposed Lodgement Date	Late Lodgement Fees (Regulation 131)	Proposed Lodgement Fees
Technical Work Program	Section 13	-	EL ELR EMEL ML <sup>^</sup>	On application for an EL, ELR (and renewal) and EMEL.	Within <b>60 days</b> after the end of each operational year.  Remove the timeframe for 'before the end of the operational year of the EL' under Section 32(2)(d).	-	-
Annual Report	Section 94(2)(a)	Regulation 78 Annual report for EL, ELR or ML  Regulation 79 Annual report for ML and mining management report (to be omitted)	EL ELR ML	Within <b>60 days</b> after the end of each operational year.	-	100 revenue units for each week or part of a week of the late lodgement period.	-
Expenditure Report	Section 94(2)(b)	Regulation 80 Expenditure report for EL, ELR or ML	EL ELR ML	For an EL or ELR, within <b>30 days</b> after end of each operational year.  For a ML, within <b>60 days</b> after the end of each operational year.	EL and ELR lodgement date to align with ML, within <b>60 days</b> after the end of each operational year.	100 revenue units for each week or part of a week of the late lodgement period.	-
Production Report	Section 94(2)(c)	Regulation 84 Production report and reserves report for ML	ML# EML EMP	Within <b>14 days</b> after the end of each financial year.	-	-	Include a late lodgement fee (revenue units to be confirmed).

<sup>3</sup> [nt.gov.au](http://nt.gov.au) - Summary of mineral title types and conditions

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		Regulation 85 Production report for EML or EMP					
<b>Reserves Report (name to change to Resource Report)</b>	Section 94(2)(d)	Regulation 83 Reserves report for ELR  Regulation 84 Production report and reserves report for ML	ELR ML EL*	Within <b>14 days</b> after the end of each financial year.	Within <b>60 days</b> after the end of each operational year.	-	Include a late lodgement fee (revenue units to be confirmed).
<b>Partial Relinquishment Report (new report)</b>	Section 94(2)(e)	Regulation 86 Final report for EL, ELR or ML	EL ELR ML	Within <b>60 days</b> after the mineral title has ceased to be in force for part of the title area.	-	100 revenue units for each week or part of a week of the late lodgement period.	-
<b>Final Report</b>	Section 94(2)(e)	Regulation 86 Final report for EL, ELR or ML	EL ELR ML	Within <b>60 days</b> after the mineral title has ceased to be in force for all of the title area.	-	100 revenue units for each week or part of a week of the late lodgement period.	-
<b>Amalgamated Reporting (name to change to Group Reporting)</b>	-	Regulation 87 Amalgamated report for ELs, ELRs or MLs	EL ELR ML	Nominated reporting date.	<b>Approved reporting period</b> as part of the process for obtaining amalgamated reporting.	150 to 250 revenue units subject to number of mineral titles.	-

^Upcoming consequential amendments to the Act on 1 July 2024 will require ML applications and renewals to submit a Technical Work Program.

#Proposed amendment to include a sub-regulation so that mineral claims converted to mineral leases do not have to provide a Production Report.

\*Proposal for EL to submit a Resource Report.