

3. LOCATION, TENURE, ACCESS, GEOGRAPHY

3.1 Location and Access:

The Main Creek magnesite deposit is located 5-6 km due south-west of Savage River township (Fig 1).

It is currently accessed by travelling 8 km south of Savage River township along the all-weather 2WD Corinna Road, then 6 km west and north-west along a rough 4WD road to Main Creek. The last kilometre of this road is very steep and essentially impassable in wet weather.

An alternative route runs SSW from the Savage River Mine dumps for approximately 6 km, the final kilometre of which is also very steep. This route is currently unsuitable for vehicular travel (Fig 2).

3.2 Tenure:

Golden Triangle Resources NL has exercised its option to purchase Mining Lease 2M/99 and the contiguous Retention Licence 8802 (Fig 2).

3.3 Land Classification:

State land classification of the tenement area is largely Multiple Use State Forest, managed by Forestry Tasmania. The far north-west corner of the licence is within an area recently referred to the State Resource Planning and Development Commission for classification recommendation under the soon-to-be-implemented Regional Forest Agreement. The actual final classification and management plan for this small area is not yet known.

Superimposed on the land management regime is a **potential** National Estate listing. The current interim listed boundary of the National Estate lies to the north of the lease. However, a proposal to move this boundary south of the lease, thereby covering the whole lease, is currently under consideration by Government.

National Estate classification is a **Federal Government scheme** and can influence development in an area where such development impacts on Federal legislation. This legislation now covers such a broad range of issues that a National Estate listing needs to be ranked equally with the State land classification system, especially with reference to advanced development projects.