

Under the terms of the E.L., exploration work may be carried out on all private lands in respect of which objections initially raised have been withdrawn, or resolved by the Mining Warden, plus Crown Lands apart from National Parks, municipal and public reserves and existing mining tenements.

Land Tenure

Most of the work done in the exploration phase has been on private, freehold land (this does not carry mineral rights - these being vested in the State).

When the original application for the E.L. was made, landowners holding over 50% of the area objected officially to the application being granted. The great majority of these objections were later withdrawn after an elaborate compensation agreement was drawn up by lawyers representing all parties.

Prior to any operations being carried out on private land, whether subject to compensation agreement or otherwise, approach was made by a Getty representative and formal notification of entry sent in writing from the Getty Sydney office.

Generally little opposition was expressed by landowners and amicable relations were maintained throughout.