

### General information

#### “Map” Guidelines for Mineral Claim Applications

In accordance with section 177 of the *Mining Act 1992* and clause 42 of the *Mining Regulations 2010*, the following guidelines have been developed to provide consistency in the way in which "maps" are provided by applicants for the purpose of lodging a mineral claim application within the Lightning Ridge or White Cliffs Mineral Claims Districts.

#### Lightning Ridge

1. A survey of the claim area as described in the example attached. This should be hand drawn on an A4 sized piece of paper on which a compass rose is printed. A blank template is available from the Department's website [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/applications-and-approvals/opal-mining/mineral-claims](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/applications-and-approvals/opal-mining/mineral-claims) or from the Lightning Ridge office. Refer to the "notes" section at the bottom of the example attached for instructions and information required.

Either of the following should accompany the above claim area survey:

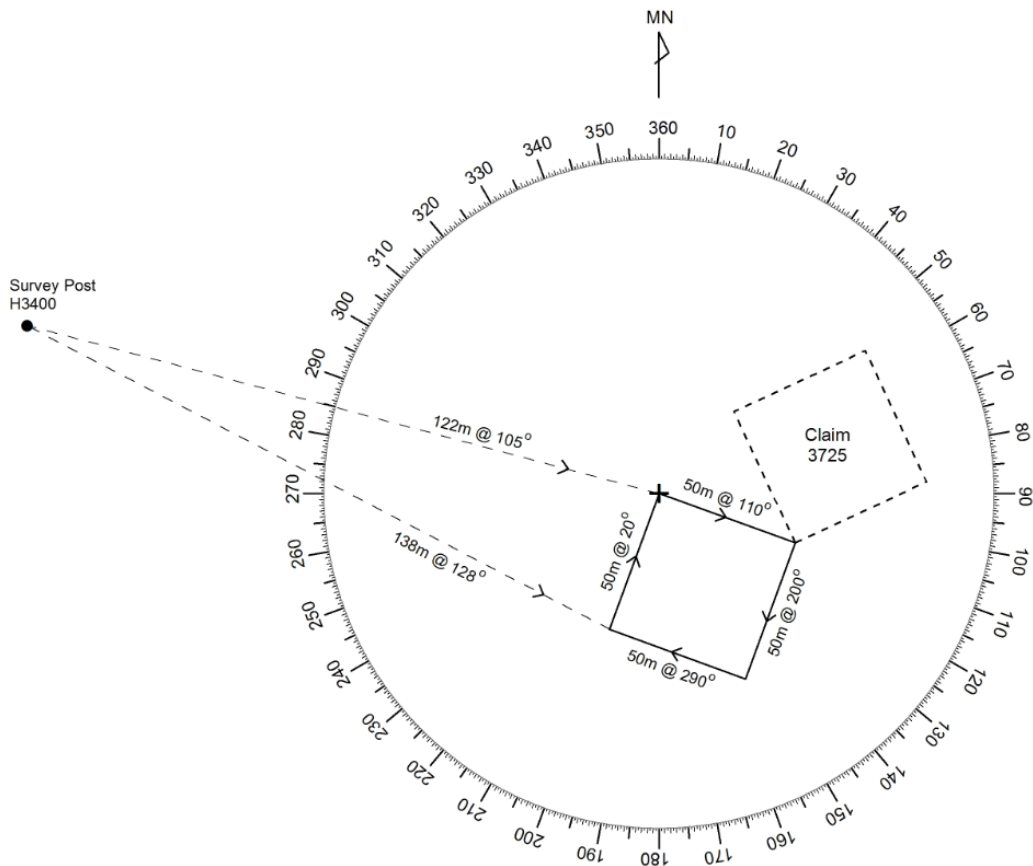
- a) A copy of the relevant Access Management Plan diagram, that clearly indicates the location of the application area relative to property boundaries and features such as roads, fences and buildings (copies available at the Lightning Ridge office).
- b) A copy of claim area map printed from the Opal Claims System (OCS) Viewer which can be accessed on the Department's website. [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/applications-and-approvals/opal-mining/mineral-claims](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/applications-and-approvals/opal-mining/mineral-claims). This should identify the mineral claim application area relative to property boundaries and features such as roads, fences and buildings.

#### White Cliffs

2. A survey of the claim area as described in the example attached. This should be hand drawn on an A4 sized piece of paper on which a compass rose is printed. A blank template is available from the Department's website <https://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/applications-and-approvals/opal-mining/mineral-claims> or from the Lightning Ridge office. Other identifiable features such as roads, fences, buildings and property boundaries should be included on the survey. Refer to the "notes" section at the bottom of the example attached for instructions and information required.

### Method 1 - Traverse

A claim is defined as a series of bearings and distances from a known point.



#### Notes:

- The reference peg used to mark out the claim should be clearly noted on the diagram.
- Bearings and distances should be shown on the diagram for every part of the mark out - both the traverse from the reference mark to the claim corner(s) and each traverse which forms a side of the claim. **All bearings are from magnetic north.**
- Nearby or adjacent claims should be shown on the diagram (include claim number).
- If the claim being marked out is an over peg of a former claim, this should be noted on the diagram.
- The reference mark used to mark out the claim should be known to the Lightning Ridge staff prior to marking out the claim. Claims based on unknown reference marks will not be accepted.
- If no reference mark is available in the vicinity, another method should be used to mark out the claim, or the claim should remain pending until a reference point can be established.

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