

Important changes to payment options

Mining, Exploration and Geoscience will no longer accept cheques.

On 2 August 2020, the Division of Resources and Geoscience amalgamated with other state government agencies to form the Department of Regional NSW.

The amalgamation brought a change of name from the Division of Resources and Geoscience to Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG).

As part of this amalgamation, we would like you to know of an important change in the way we process payments and refunds.

How this affects you

Effective 1 November 2020, MEG will no longer be accepting cheques or money orders as a payment option for small scale titles and services.

Payments may continue to be made by cash, Electronic Funds Transfer Point Of Sale (EFTPOS), or credit card.

Effective from 1 August 2020, refunds will no longer be made by cheque. Instead, an electronic payment will be made to your nominated account.

Reasons for this change

The Reserve Bank of Australia has signalled the end of cheques which are no longer used by the majority of the general public.

Cheques can be vulnerable; they can go astray or simply get lost in the mail, leaving you with an unpaid account.

Cheques are inefficient; when you pay by cheque, your account only updates when the cheque is cashed, making it harder to track.

Questions and feedback

To enquire further regarding our payment options please contact the Lightning Ridge Office on 02 6820 5200 or lightningridge.office@planning.nsw.gov.au