



No licence is required to fossick for gems in NSW.  
However, other states may differ.

You simply need consent from the landholder and must leave the site of any fossicking in a clean and tidy condition, and any site disturbed must be filled in before any other area is disturbed.

The Mining Act 1992 says that any mineral that is recovered in the course of lawful fossicking becomes the property of the person who found it, at the time it is removed from the land on which it is found.

For further information contact:  
 GWYDIR COUNCIL OFFICE  
 54 Hope St  
 P: (02)6729 3000  
 F: (02)6729 1400  
 E: mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

HERITAGE CENTRE  
 38 Hope St  
 P: (02)6729 0046  
 F: (02)6729 0047  
 E: warialdatourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au