

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EA0000824

This environmental authority is issued by the administering authority under Chapter 5 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Environmental authority number: EA0000824

Environmental authority takes effect on 29-May-2017.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Thomson Resources Ltd	Level 1, 80 Chandos Street ST LEONARDS NSW 2065

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Mining – ML	ML5932

Additional information for applicants

Environmentally relevant activities

The description of any environmentally relevant activity (ERA) for which an environmental authority (EA) is issued is a restatement of the ERA as defined by legislation at the time the EA is issued. Where there is any inconsistency between that description of an ERA and the conditions stated by an EA as to the scale, intensity or manner of carrying out an ERA, the conditions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

An EA authorises the carrying out of an ERA and does not authorise any environmental harm unless a condition stated by the EA specifically authorises environmental harm.

A person carrying out an ERA must also be a registered suitable operator under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

Contaminated land

It is a requirement of the EP Act that an owner or occupier of contaminated land give written notice to the administering authority if they become aware of the following:

- the happening of an event involving a hazardous contaminant on the contaminated land (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- a change in the condition of the contaminated land (notice must be given within 24 hours); or

- a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3) having been carried out, or is being carried out, on the contaminated land (notice must be given within 20 business days)

that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm.

For further information, including the form for giving written notice, refer to the Queensland Government website www.qld.gov.au, using the search term 'duty to notify'.

Take effect

Please note that, in accordance with section 200 of the EP Act, an EA has effect:

- a) if the authority is for a prescribed ERA and it states that it takes effect on the day nominated by the holder of the authority in a written notice given to the administering authority - on the nominated day; or
- b) if the authority states a day or an event for it to take effect-on the stated day or when the stated event happens; or
- c) otherwise on the day the authority is issued.

However, if the EA is authorising an activity that requires an additional authorisation (a relevant tenure for a resource activity, a development permit under the *Planning Act 2016* or an SDA Approval under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*), this EA will not take effect until the additional authorisation has taken effect.

If this EA takes effect when the additional authorisation takes effect, you must provide the administering authority written notice within 5 business days of receiving notification of the related additional authorisation taking effect.

If you have incorrectly claimed that an additional authorisation is not required, carrying out the ERA without the additional authorisation is not legal and could result in your prosecution for providing false or misleading information or operating without a valid environmental authority.

Department of Environment and Science
Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Privacy statement

Pursuant to section 540 of the EP Act, the Department is required to maintain a register of certain documents and information authorised under the EP Act. A copy of this document will be kept on the public register. The register is available for inspection by members of the public who are able take extracts, or copies of the documents from the register. Documents that are required to be kept on the register are published in their entirety, unless alteration is required by the EP Act. There is no general discretion allowing the Department to withhold documents or information required to be kept on the public register. For more information on the Department's public register, search 'public register' at www.qld.gov.au. For queries about privacy matters please email privacy@des.qld.gov.au or telephone 13 74 68.

Obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

In addition to the requirements found in the conditions of this environmental authority, the holder must also meet their obligations under the EP Act, and the regulations made under the EP Act. For example, the holder must comply with the following provisions of the Act:

- general environmental duty (section 319)
- duty to notify environmental harm (section 320-320G)
- offence of causing serious or material environmental harm (sections 437-439)
- offence of causing environmental nuisance (section 440)
- offence of depositing prescribed water contaminants in waters and related matters (section 440ZG)
- offence to place contaminant where environmental harm or nuisance may be caused (section 443)

Other permits required

This permit only provides an approval under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. In order to lawfully operate you may also require permits / approvals from your local government authority, other business units within the department and other State Government agencies prior to commencing any activity at the site. For example, this may include permits / approvals with your local Council (for planning approval), the Department of Transport and Main Roads (to access state controlled roads), the Department of Resources (to clear vegetation), and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (to clear marine plants or to obtain a quarry material allocation).

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Conditions of environmental authority

The conditions of approval for this environmental authority are standard conditions contained within the attached document(s) entitled:

- Code of environmental Compliance for exploration and mineral development projects –Version 1
- Code of environmental compliance for mining lease projects

The conditions of this approval for this environmental authority include:

Agency interest: Biodiversity

- B1 The environmental authority holder is authorised, subject to conditions B2 to L1, to carry out standard mining activities on the relevant tenement in, or within 500m of, areas mapped as endangered regional ecosystems but now regarded as lower conservation status, providing environmental harm is minimised.
- B2 Where carrying out activities in endangered regional ecosystems as permitted by B1, the environmental authority holder must do so in accordance with the following conditions: **Site Access.** 1. Drill Sites; 1.1 Operational area is no greater than 1000 square metres; 1.2 Sump size is not greater than 10 square metres; 1.3 Top soil stripping is limited to sump area; and 1.4 Clearing of mature trees is prevented or minimised. **2. Tracks;** 2.1 Existing access and fence line tracks are used where possible and any new tracks are constructed by linking natural clearings where possible; 2.2 Track construction involving blade clearing of established ground cover vegetation and/or clearing of mature trees is prevented or minimised; 2.3 Line of site clearing is prevented or minimised; and 2.4 Construction of new crossings of major natural drainage lines is prevented or minimised. **Equipment Use.** 3. Rubber tyred low ground pressure vehicles and machinery is used where possible. 4. Transport of weeds on vehicles and machinery is prevented.

Agency interest: General

- G1 The environmental authority does not take effect until the grant of the tenure to the environmental authority holder, or until each environmental authority holder has become a holder, under the Mineral Resources Act 1989, of each of relevant mining tenements.
- G2 The conditions of this environmental authority are in force until a surrender of the authority is accepted pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The conditions apply unless an amendment is approved pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- G3 Financial assurance
- The environmental authority holder is to give the administering authority a financial assurance in the amount and form and at a time required by the administering authority.
- G4 The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects; and Mining Lease Projects, January 2001..

Agency interest: Land

- L1 In regard to complying with Standard Environmental Condition 35 of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects and Standard Environmental Condition 42 of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects, the environmental authority holder must spread seeds or plant species that will promote vegetation of a similar species and density of cover to that of the pre-disturbed areas, within the areas identified as endangered regional ecosystem.

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY