Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EA0002718

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

Environmental authority number: EA0002718

Environmental authority takes effect on 13 June 2022. This is the take effect date.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 26 August. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
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Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM27805
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM27811
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM27812
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM28120
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM28277
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM28417

ABN 46 640 294 485

Queensland Government

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.

The anniversary day of this environmental authority is 26 August unless you apply to change the anniversary day. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

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 the Environment, Tourism, Science, and Innovation
Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

Enquiries:
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Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science, and Innovation
Phone: 07 4222 5352
Email: ESCairns@des.qld.gov.au

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).

Obligations under the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*

If you are operating a quarry, other than a sand and gravel quarry where there is no crushing capability, you will be required to comply with the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*. For more information on your obligations under this legislation contact Mine Safety and Health at https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/, or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or your local Mines Inspectorate Office.

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Conditions of environmental authority

With the exception of any variated conditions listed below, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority are the standard condition G1 below and the eligibility criteria and standard conditions contained within the attached document titled:

- ***Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2***

G1 All reasonable steps must be taken to ensure the activity complies with the eligibility criteria and standard conditions.

Varied conditions of environmental authority applicable to EPM28277 and EPM28417

Matters of State Environmental Significance

V1 Significant residual impacts to prescribed environmental matters are not authorised on EPM28277 and EPM28417 under this environmental authority or the ***Environmental Offsets Act 2014.***

V2 Records demonstrating that each impact to a prescribed environmental matter did not, or is not likely to, result in a significant residual impact to that matter must be:

a) completed by an appropriately qualified person; and
b) kept for the life of the environmental authority.

Definitions

'appropriately qualified person' means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis on performance relating to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.

'prescribed environmental matters' has the meaning in section 10 of the ***Environmental Offsets Act 2014***, limited to the matters of State environmental significant listed in schedule 2 of the ***Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014***.

'significant residual impact' has the meaning in section 8 ***Environmental Offsets Act 2014***.

Attachments

- ***Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2***

End of environmental authority