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Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPPR00495713

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

Environmental authority number: EPPR00495713

Environmental authority takes effect on 29 July 2019

Environmental authority holder(s)

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

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Prescribed ERA, ERA 63 - Sewage Treatment, 1: Operating sewage treatment works, other than no-release works, with a total daily peak design capacity of, (a-i) 21 to 100EP if treated effluent is discharged from the works to an infiltration trench or through an irrigation scheme	LOT 3/RP742856

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

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- 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.

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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)

Conditions of the development approval

This development approval consists of the following schedules of conditions relevant to various issues:

The aforementioned description of the environmentally relevant activity (ERA) for which this development approval is issued is simply a restatement of the activity as prescribed in the legislation at the time of issuing this development approval. Where there is any conflict between the above description of the ERA for which this development approval is issued and the conditions as specified in this development approval as to the scale, intensity or manner of carrying out of the ERA, then such conditions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

This development approval authorises the ERA. It does not authorise environmental harm unless a concurrence agency condition within this development approval explicitly authorises that harm. Where there is no condition or the development approval is silent on a matter, the lack of a condition or silence shall not be construed as authorising harm.

- Schedule A - Activity
- Schedule B - Air
- Schedule C - Water
- Schedule D - Noise
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Schedule A - Activity

Prevent and /or minimise likelihood of environmental harm

- (A1-1) In carrying out the environmentally relevant activities, you must take all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent and / or to minimise the likelihood of environmental harm being caused. Any environmentally relevant activity, that, if carried out incompetently, or negligently, may cause environmental harm, in a manner that could have been prevented, shall be carried out in a proper manner in accordance with the conditions of this approval.

NOTE: This approval authorises the environmentally relevant activity. It does not authorise environmental harm unless a condition contained within this approval explicitly authorises that harm. Where there is no condition or the approval is silent on a matter, the lack of a condition or silence shall not be construed as authorising harm.

Site based management plan

- (A3-1) From commencement of the activity, a Site Based Management Plan (SBMP) must be implemented. The SBMP must identify all sources of environmental harm, including but not limited to the actual and potential release of all contaminants, the potential impact of these sources and what actions will be taken to prevent the likelihood of environmental harm being caused. The SBMP must also provide for the review and 'continual improvement' in the overall environmental performance of all Environmentally Relevant Activities that are carried out.

The site based management plan must address the following matters:

- Environmental commitments - a commitment by senior management to achieve environmental goals.

- Identification of environmental issues and potential impacts.
- Control measures for routine operations to minimise likelihood of environmental harm.
- Contingency plans and emergency procedures for non-routine situations.
- Organisational structure and responsibility.
- Effective communication.
- Monitoring of the contaminant releases.
- Conducting environmental impact assessments.
- Staff training.
- Record keeping.
- Periodic review of environmental performance and continual improvement.

Records

- (A5-1) Record, compile and keep all monitoring results required by this document and present this information to the administering authority when requested, in a specified format.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE A

Schedule B - Air

Nuisance

- (B1-2) The release of noxious or offensive odours or any other noxious or offensive airborne contaminants resulting from the activity must not cause a nuisance at any odour sensitive place.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE B

Schedule C - Water

Release to waters

- (C3-1) Contaminants, including treated effluent and grey water, must not be released from the site to any waters or the bed and banks of any waters.

Stormwater management

- (C5-1) There must be no release of stormwater runoff that has been in contact with any effluent at the site to any waters, roadside gutter or stormwater drain.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE C

Schedule D - Noise and vibration

Noise nuisance

- (D1-1) Noise from activities must not cause an environmental nuisance at any noise affected premises.

Noise monitoring

- (D2-1) When requested by the Administering Authority, noise monitoring must be undertaken to investigate

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any complaint of noise nuisance, and the results notified within 14 days to the administering authority. Monitoring must include:

- L_A 10, adj, 10 mins
- L_A 1, adj, 10 mins
- the level and frequency of occurrence of impulsive or tonal noise;
- atmospheric conditions including wind speed and direction;
- effects due to extraneous factors such as traffic noise; and
- location, date and time of recording.

- (D2-2) The method of measurement and reporting of noise levels must comply with the latest edition of the Environmental Protection Agency's Noise Measurement Manual.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE D

Schedule E - Waste

Septic System – Sludge Handling and Disposal

- (E1-1) All septic tanks to which this development permit applies must be visually inspected at least once per week to determine if a pump-out is required. Septic tanks must be pumped out when they have reached 80% capacity. A minimum of 8 000 litres must be pumped out of each septic tank when the storage reaches 80% capacity.
- (E1-2) Records shall be kept of the results of the inspection program referred to in condition number E1-1 and of any remedial works undertaken.
- (E1-3) Septic tanks must be emptied as often as is necessary, or a minimum of every 3 years, to prevent:
- any overloading of the septic tank; and
 - any carryover of solid materials to the absorption trenches which is likely to cause surface ponding of effluent.
- (E5-1) All regulated waste, including sewage, removed from the premises to which this development approval relates must be removed by a person who holds a current approval to transport such waste under the provision of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE E

Schedule F - Land

Land disposal

- (F2-1) The only contaminants permitted to be released, including grey water, to land are septic tank effluent through absorption trenches to the areas shown in Schedule I – Map 1 of this authority.
- (F2-2) The ground surface above all absorption trenches shall be visually inspected at least once a month for any signs of effluent percolation at the soil surface. Where effluent percolation is evident, all reasonable and practicable measures must be undertaken to prevent further percolation of effluent.

- (F2-3) Records shall be kept of the results of the inspection program referred to in condition number F2-1 and any remedial works undertaken.
- (F2-4) The release of effluent to absorption trenches must be carried out in a manner such that:
- vegetation is not damaged;
 - soil erosion and soil structure damage is avoided;
 - there is no surface ponding of effluent;
 - percolation of effluent beyond the plant root zone is minimised;
 - the capacity of the land to assimilate nitrogen, phosphorus, salts, organic matter as measured by oxygen demand and water is not exceeded; and
 - the quality of ground water is not adversely affected.
- (F2-5) Notices must be prominently displayed on any absorption trench areas warning the public that the area is an effluent release area and not to use or drink the effluent. These notices must be maintained in a visible and legible condition.
- (F2-6) When conditions prevent the release of treated effluent, through evapo-transpiration/absorption trenches, to land (such as during rain events), alternative measures must be taken to store/dispose of effluent (such as wet weather storage or tankering of site).

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE F

Schedule G - Community

Complaint response

- (G1-1) All complaints received must be recorded including investigations undertaken, conclusions formed and action taken. This information must be made available to the administering authority on request.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE G

Schedule H - Definitions

Words and phrases used throughout this licence or development approval are defined below:
Where a definition for a term used in this approval is sought and the term is not defined within this approval the definitions provided in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, its regulations, and Environmental Protection Policies shall be used.

Word Definitions

"administering authority" means the Environmental Protection Agency or its successor.

"you" means the holder of this Environmental Authority or owner / occupier of the land which is the subject of this Development Approval.

"site" means the place to which this environmental authority relates or the premises to which this development approval relates.

"authorised place" means the place authorised under this environmental authority/development approval for the carrying out of the specified environmentally relevant activities.

"this authority" means this environmental authority/development approval.

"authority" means level 1 licence (without development approval), or level 1 approval (without development approval), or level 2 approval (without development approval) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.



"approval" means 'notice of development application decision' or 'notice of concurrence agency response' under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*

"odour sensitive place" has the same meaning as a "dust sensitive place"

"dwelling" means any of the following structures or vehicles that is principally used as a residence-

- a house, unit, motel, nursing home or other building or part of a building;
- a caravan, mobile home or other vehicle or structure on land;
- a water craft in a marina.

"noxious" means harmful or injurious to health or physical well being.

"offensive" means causing offence or displeasure; is disagreeable to the sense; disgusting, nauseous or repulsive.

"nuisance sensitive place" includes -

- a dwelling, residential allotment, mobile home or caravan park, residential marina or other residential premises; or
- a motel, hotel or hostel; or
- a kindergarten, school, university or other educational institution; or
- a medical centre or hospital; or
- a protected area under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, the Marine Parks Act 1992 or a World Heritage Area; or
- a public thoroughfare, park or gardens; or
- a place used as a workplace, an office or for business or commercial purposes.

and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place.

" $L_{A, 10, \text{adj}, 10 \text{ mins}}$ " means the A-weighted sound pressure level, (adjusted for tonal character and impulsiveness of the sound) exceeded for 10% of any 10 minute measurement period, using Fast response.

" $L_{A, 1, \text{adj}, 10 \text{ mins}}$ " means the A-weighted sound pressure level, (adjusted for tonal character and impulsiveness of the sound) exceeded for 1% of any 10 minute measurement period, using Fast response

" $L_{A, \text{max adj}, T}$ " means the average maximum A-weighted sound pressure level, adjusted for noise character and measured over any 10 minute period, using Fast response.

"noise affected premises" means a "noise sensitive place" or a "commercial place"

"noise sensitive place" means -

- a dwelling, mobile home or caravan park, residential marina or other residential premises; or
- a motel, hotel or hostel; or
- a kindergarten, school, university or other educational institution; or
- a medical centre or hospital; or
- a protected area; or
- a park or gardens.

and includes the curtilage of such place.

"commercial place" means a place used as an office or for business or commercial purposes.

"intrusive noise" means noise that, because of its frequency, duration, level, tonal characteristics, impulsiveness or vibration -

- is clearly audible to, or can be felt by, an individual; and
- annoys the individual.

In determining whether a noise annoys an individual and is unreasonably intrusive, regard must be given to Australian Standard 1055.2 - 1997 Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise Part 2 - Application to Specific Situations.

"waters" includes river, stream, lake, lagoon, pond, swamp, wetland, unconfined surface water, unconfined water natural or artificial watercourse, bed and bank of any waters, dams, non-tidal or tidal waters (including the sea), stormwater channel, stormwater drain, roadside gutter, stormwater run-off, and groundwater and any part thereof.

"land" in the "land schedule" of this document means land excluding waters and the atmosphere.

"regulated waste" means non-domestic waste mentioned in Schedule 7 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 1998 (whether or not it has been treated or immobilised), and includes:

- for an element - any chemical compound containing the element; and
- anything that has contained the waste.

"licensed vehicle" means a vehicle authorised to be used under the licence to transport regulated waste.

"registered vehicle" means "licensed vehicle"

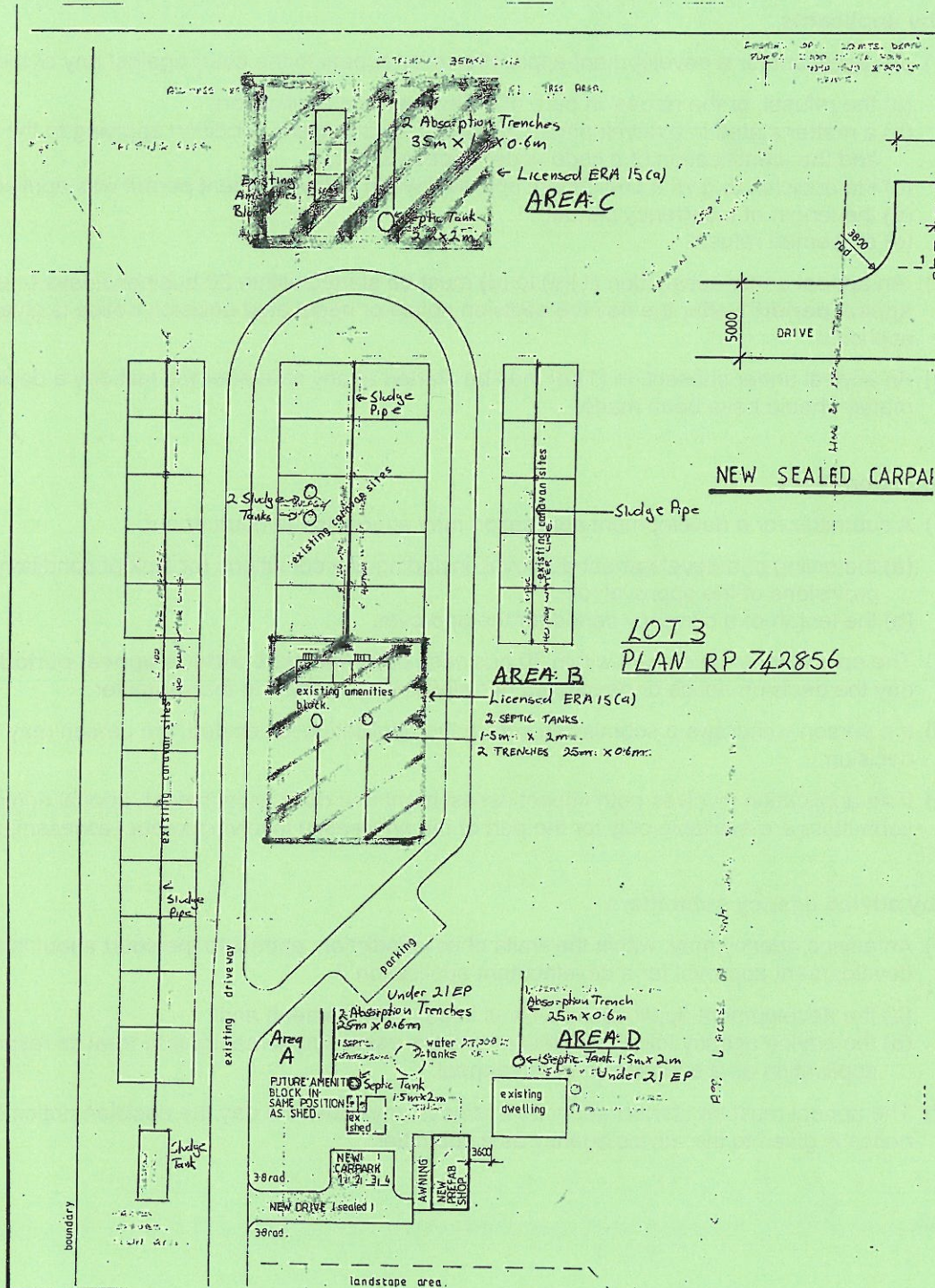
"annual return" means the return required by the annual notice (under section 316 of the Environment Protection Act, 1994) for the section 86(2) licence that applies to the development approval.

END OF DEFINITIONS FOR SCHEDULE H



Schedule I - Maps / Plans

Map 1 - Sewage Treatment Areas – Areas B & C licensed under Development Approval NR0474 – 2 Septic Systems and associated Absorption Trenches (over 21 Equivalent People)



END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE I

END OF DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

Extract from the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*

Division 8—Appeals to court relating to development applications

Appeals by applicants

- 4.1.27 (1) An applicant for a development application may appeal to the court against any of the following -
- (a) the refusal, or the refusal in part, of a development application;
 - (b) a matter stated in a development approval, including any condition applying to the development, and the identification of a code under section 3.1.6;
 - (c) the decision to give a preliminary approval when a development permit was applied for;
 - (d) the length of a currency period;
 - (e) a deemed refusal.
- (2) An appeal under subsection (1)(a) to (d) must be started within 20 business days (the “**applicant’s appeal period**”) after the day the decision notice or negotiated decision notice is given to the applicant.
- (3) An appeal under subsection (1)(e) may be started at any time after the last day a decision on the matter should have been made.

Appeals by submitters

- 4.1.28 (1) A submitter for a development application may appeal to the court about -
- (a) the giving of a development approval, including any conditions (or lack of conditions) or other provisions of the approval; or
 - (b) the length of a currency period for the approval.
- (2) The appeal must be started within 20 business days (the “**submitter’s appeal period**”) after the day the decision notice or negotiated decision notice is given to the submitter.
- (3) If a person withdraws a submission before the application is decided, the person may not appeal the decision.
- (4) If an application involves both impact assessment and code assessment, appeal rights for submitters are available only for the part of the application involving impact assessment.

Appeals by advice agency submitters

- 4.1.29 (1) An advice agency may, within the limits of its jurisdiction, appeal to the court about the giving of a development approval for a development application if -
- (a) the development application involves impact assessment; and
 - (b) the advice agency told the applicant and the assessment manager to treat its response to the application as a submission for an appeal.
- (2) The appeal must be started within 20 business days after the day the decision notice or negotiated notice is given to the advice agency as a submitter.

Appeals for matters arising after approval given (co-respondents)

- 4.1.30 (1) For a development approval given for a development application, a person to whom any of the following notices have been given may appeal to the court against the decision in the notice -
- (a) a notice giving a decision on a request for an extension of the currency period for an approval;
 - (b) a notice giving a decision on a request to make a minor change to an approval.
- (2) The appeal must be started within 20 business days after the day the notice of the decision is given to the person.
- (3) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply if the approval resulted from a development application (superseded planning scheme) that was assessed as if it were an application made under a superseded planning scheme.

Division 9 - Appeals to court about other matters

Appeals for matters arising after approval given (no co-respondents)

- 4.1.31 (1) A person to whom any of the following notices have been given may appeal to the court against the decision in the notice -
- (a) a notice giving a decision on a request to change or cancel a condition of a development approval;
 - (b) a notice under section 6.1.44 giving a decision to change or cancel a condition of a development approval.
- (2) The appeal must be started within 20 business days after the day the notice of the decision is given to the person.

Appeals against enforcement notices

- 4.1.32 (1) A person who is given an enforcement notice may appeal to the court against the giving of the notice.
- (2) The appeal must be started within 20 business days after the day notice is given to the person.

Stay of operation of enforcement notice

- 4.1.33 (1) The lodging of a notice of appeal about an enforcement notice stays the operation of the enforcement notice until -
- (a) the court, on the application of the entity issuing the notice, decides otherwise; or
 - (b) the appeal is withdrawn; or
 - (c) the appeal is dismissed.
- (2) However, subsection (1) does not apply if the enforcement notice is about -
- (a) a work, if the enforcement notice states the entity believes the work is a danger to persons or a risk to public health; or
 - (b) carrying out development that is the demolition of a work.



Appeals against decisions on compensation claims

- 4.1.34 (1) A person who is dissatisfied with a decision under section 5.4.8 or 5.5.3 for the payment of compensation may appeal to the court against -
- (a) the decision; or
 - (b) a deemed refusal of the claim.
- (2) An appeal under subsection (1)(a) must be started with 20 business days after the day notice of the decision is given to the person.
- (3) An appeal under subsection (1)(b) may be started at any time after the last day a decision on the matter should have been made.

Appeals against decisions on requests to acquire designated land under hardship

- 4.1.35 (1) A person who is dissatisfied with a designator's decision to refuse a request made by the person under section 2.6.19, may appeal to the court against -
- (a) the decision; or
 - (b) a deemed refusal of the request.
- (2) An appeal under subsection (1)(a) must be started within 20 business days after the day notice of the decision is given to the person.
- (3) An appeal under subsection (1)(b) may be started at any time after the last day a decision on the matter should have been made.

Appeals from tribunals

- 4.1.37 (1) A party to a proceeding decided by a tribunal may appeal to the court against the tribunal's decision, but only on the ground -
- (a) of error or mistake in law on the part of the tribunal; or
 - (b) that the tribunal had no jurisdiction to make the decision or exceeded its jurisdiction in making the decision.
- (2) An appeal against a tribunal's decision must be started within 20 business days after the day notice of the tribunal's decision is given to the party.

Court may remit matter to tribunal

- 4.1.38 If an appeal includes a matter within the jurisdiction of a tribunal and the court is satisfied the matter should be dealt with by a tribunal, the court must remit the matter to the tribunal for decision.

Division 10 - Making an appeal to court

How appeals to the court are started

- 4.1.39 (1) An appeal is started by lodging written notice of appeal with the registrar of the court.
- (2) The notice of appeal must state the grounds of the appeal.
 - (3) The person starting the appeal must also comply with the rules of the court applying to the appeal.
 - (4) However, the court may hear and decide an appeal even if the person has not complied with subsection (3).

Certain appellants must obtain information about submitters

- 4.1.40 (1) If the applicant or a submitter for a development application appeals about the part of the application involving impact assessment, the appellant must ask the assessment manager to give the appellant the name and address of each principal submitter who made a properly made submission about the application and has not withdrawn the submission.
- (2) The assessment manager must give the information requested under subsection (1) as soon as practicable.

Notice of appeal to other parties (div 8)

- 4.1.41 (1) An appellant under division 8 must, within 10 business days after the day the appeal is started (or if information is requested under section 4.1.40, within 10 business days after the day the appellant is given the information) give written notice of the appeal to -
- (a) if the appellant is an applicant - the assessment manager, any concurrence agency, any principal submitter whose submission has not been withdrawn and any advice agency treated as a submitter whose submission has not been withdrawn; or
 - (b) if the appellant is a submitter or an advice agency whose response to the development application is treated as a submission for an appeal - the assessment manager, the applicant and any concurrence agency; or
 - (c) if the appellant is a person to whom a notice mentioned in section 4.1.30 has been given - the assessment manager and any entity that was a concurrence agency for the development application.
- (2) The notice must state -
- (a) the grounds of the appeal; and
 - (b) if the person given the notice is not the respondent or a co-respondent under section 4.1.43 - that the person, within 10 business days after the day the notice is given, may elect to become a co-respondent to the appeal.

Notice of appeal to other parties (div 9)

- 4.1.42 (1) An appellant under division 9 must, within 10 business days after the day the appeal is started give written notice of the appeal to -
- (a) if the appellant is a person to whom a notice mentioned in section 4.1.31⁷³ has been given - the entity that gave the notice; or
 - (b) if the appellant is a person to whom an enforcement notice is given - the entity that gave the notice and if the entity is not the local government, the local government; or
 - (c) if the appellant is a person dissatisfied with a decision about compensation - the local government that decided the claim; or
 - (d) if the appellant is a person dissatisfied with a decision about acquiring designated land - the designator; or
 - (e) if the appellant is a person who is disqualified as a private certifier - the entity disqualifying the person and if the entity disqualifying the person is not the accrediting body, the accrediting body; or
 - (f) if the appellant is a party to a proceeding decided by a tribunal - the other party to the proceeding.
- (2) The notice must state the grounds of the appeal.

Respondent and co-respondents for appeals under div 8

- 4.1.43 (1) This section applies to appeals under division 8 for a development application.
- (2) The assessment manager is the respondent for the appeal.
 - (3) If the appeal is started by a submitter, the applicant is a co-respondent for the appeal.
 - (4) If the appeal is about a concurrence agency response, the concurrence agency is a co-respondent for the appeal.
 - (5) If the appeal is only about a concurrence agency response, the assessment manager may apply to the court to withdraw from the appeal.
 - (6) The respondent and any co-respondents for an appeal are entitled to be heard in the appeal as a party to the appeal.
 - (7) A person to whom a notice of appeal is required to be given under section 4.1.41 and who is not the respondent or a co-respondent for the appeal may elect to be a co-respondent.

Respondent and co-respondents for appeals under div 9

- 4.1.44 (1) This section applies if an entity is required under section 4.1.42 to be given a notice of an appeal.
- (2) The entity given written notice is the respondent for the appeal.
 - (3) However, if under a provision of the section more than 1 entity is required to be given notice, only the first entity mentioned in the provision is the respondent.
 - (4) The second entity mentioned in the provision may elect to be a co-respondent.

How a person may elect to be co-respondent

- 4.1.45 (1) An entity elects to be a co-respondent by lodging in the court, within 10 business days after the day the notice of the appeal is given to the entity, a notice of election under the rules of court.
- (2) If a principal submitter is entitled to elect to become a co-respondent, any other submitter for the submission may also elect to become a co-respondent to the appeal.

Minister entitled to be represented in an appeal involving a State interest

- 4.1.46 If the Minister is satisfied that an appeal involves a State interest, the Minister is entitled to be represented in the appeal.

Lodging appeal stops certain actions

- 4.1.47 (1) If an appeal (other than an appeal under section 4.1.30) is started under division 8, the development must not be started until the appeal is decided or withdrawn.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), if the court is satisfied the outcome of the appeal would not be affected if the development or part of the development is started before the appeal is decided, the court may allow the development or part of the development to start before the appeal is decided.