

Permit¹

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPPR00497713

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

Permit¹ number: EPPR00497713

Environmental authority takes effect 26 October 2016

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 22 December.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name	Registered address
Peabody BB Interests Pty Ltd	Level 5 100 Melbourne Street SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101
CITIC Bowen Basin Pty Ltd	Level 7, CITIC House 99 King Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity(ies)	Location(s)
Environmental Protection Regulation 2008, Schedule 2A Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) 9 - a mining activity involving drilling, costeaning, pitting or carrying out geological surveys causing significant disturbance	EPC850

¹ Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation

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Additional information for applicants

Environmentally relevant activities

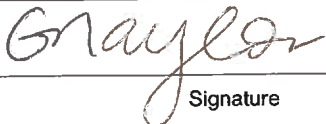
The description of any environmentally relevant activity (ERA) for which an environmental authority is issued is a restatement of the ERA as defined by legislation at the time the approval is issued. Where there is any inconsistency between that description of an ERA and the conditions stated by an environmental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

An environmental authority authorises the carrying out of an ERA and does not authorise any environmental harm unless a condition stated by the authority 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 if an owner or occupier of land becomes aware a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3 and Schedule 4) is being carried out on the land, or that the land has been, or is being, contaminated by a hazardous contaminant, the owner or occupier must, within 22 business days after becoming so aware, give written notice to the chief executive.


Signature


Date

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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 environmental authority

With the exception of any variations, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority include standard conditions contained within the attached document(s) entitled:

- Code of environmental compliance for exploration and mineral development projects, Version 1.1 (EM586)

The environmentally relevant activity(ies) conducted at the location as described above must be conducted in accordance with the following site specific conditions of approval.

Agency interest: General	
Condition number	Condition
A1	The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the <i>Code of environmental compliance for exploration and mineral development projects, Version 1.1 (EM586)</i> except Condition 13, which is replaced by the conditions in this environmental authority.
Agency interest: Land	
Condition number	Condition
B1	Drilling or seismic grid a) Spacing of gridlines within the ERE and 500m buffer may only be undertaken at no less than 500m. b) Spacing may be reduced to 250m at no more than 50 specified points

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B2	Drill sites a) The operational area of the drill site within the ERE and 500m buffer must not exceed 1000m². b) Drill holes within the ERE are limited to less than 250mm in diameter. c) The construction of sumps within the ERE and the buffer must not exceed 10m². d) Topsoil stripping within the ERE and 500m buffer is limited to the sump area of 10m². e) The environmental authority holder must minimise disturbance within the ERE and 500m buffer and avoid clearing mature trees
B3	Tracks a) Existing access and fence line tracks must be used wherever possible. Any new tracks are to be constructed by linking natural cleared or disturbed areas. b) Constructed tracks must be less than 5m in width. c) Track construction involving blade clearing of established ground water cover vegetation and/or clearing of mature trees is to be minimised. d) All new tracks are to be recorded with GPS and records kept of their location and made available to administrating authority on request.
B4	Other land disturbance a) Exploration camps must not be established within the ERE and 500m buffer. b) Exploration within the ERE and 500m buffer must not involve costeaning or bulk sampling activities.

Definitions

Key terms and/or phrases used in this document are defined in this section and **bolded** throughout this document. Applicants should note that where a term is not defined, the definition in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, its regulations or environmental protection policies must be used. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

“authority” means environmental authority (mining activities) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

“environmental” authority holder” means the holder of this environmental authority holder.

“ERE” means endangered regional ecosystem.

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

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