Queensland Government

Department of
Environment and Heritage Protection

08-OCT-2015

To: Spinks and Co Pty Ltd
GPO Box 940
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Your reference: EPPR02801515
Our reference: 397774

Application details

I refer to the application to amend your environmental authority to amend condition L5, that was received by the administering authority on 19-NOV-2014.

Land description: 664 Burnett Creek Road MAROON QLD 4310 Lot 2 Plan RP126977.

Decision

Your application has been approved and your environmental authority (reference EPPR02801515) is attached.

The administering authority has also made amendments to condition L1, L6 and G1. The amendment to conditions L1 and L6 were deemed to relate to the subject matter of the proposed amendment and be necessary. Condition G1 has been amended as agreed in writing on 01 October 2015.

Additional comments or advice

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 and other State Government agencies prior to commencing any activity at the site. For example, this may include permits/approval with your local Council (for planning approval), the Department of Transport and Main Roads (to access state controlled roads), the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (to clear vegetation), and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (to clear marine plants or to obtain a quarry material allocation).

This permit is not a development approval under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*. The conditions of this environmental authority are separate, and in addition to, any conditions that may be on the development approval.

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If a copy of this environmental authority is attached to a development approval, it is for information only, and may not be current. Please contact the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to ensure that you have the most current version of the environmental authority relating to this site.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Lisa Fritz on telephone (07) 4699 4329.

Yours sincerely

Signature	Date
J.A.H.D.	8-OCT-15

James Mackenzie
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Delegate of the administering authority
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Permit - environmental authority (reference EPPR02801515)

Permit[1]

Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Permit[1] number: EPPR02801515

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Environmental authority holder(s)

Name	Registered address
Spinks and Co Pty Ltd	Level 2 190 Edward Street BRISBANE QLD 4001

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity	Location(s)
63-(1a)(i) Sewage treatment >21 to 100EP - IT or IR	664 Burnett Creek Road MAROON QLD 4310 - Lot 2 Plan RP126977

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	13-Feb-2015
Signature	Date

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- offence of causing environmental nuisance (section 440)
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- offence to place contaminant where environmental harm or nuisance may be caused (section 443)

Location: 664 Burnett Creek Road, MAROON QLD 4310

Lot 2 on Plan RP126977

Relevant activity/ies:

ERA 63- Sewage treatment –

1. operating sewage treatment works, other than no-release works, with a total daily peak design capacity of :
   (a) 21 to 100EP
      (i) if treated effluent is discharged from the works to an infiltration trench or through an irrigation scheme.

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G10	The **activity** must be undertaken in accordance with written procedures that: 1. identify potential risks to the environment from the **activity** during routine operations, closure and an emergency 2. establish and maintain control **measures** that minimise the potential for environmental harm 3. ensure plant, equipment and **measures** are maintained in a proper and effective condition 4. ensure plant, equipment and **measures** are operated in a proper and effective manner 5. ensure that staff are trained in and aware of their obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* 6. ensure that reviews of environmental performance are undertaken at least annually

Agency interest: Air	
Condition number	**Condition**
A1	Odours or airborne contaminants must not cause **environmental nuisance** at a **sensitive place** or **commercial place.**

Agency interest: Water	
Condition number	**Condition**
W1	Stormwater contaminated by the activity must be managed to minimise or prevent any adverse effect on the environmental values of the receiving environment.
Agency interest: Noise	
Condition number	**Condition**
N1	Noise generated by the activity must not cause **environmental nuisance** to any **sensitive place** or **commercial place**.
Agency interest: Land	
Condition number	**Condition**
L1	A minimum buffer distance of 50m must be maintained between the effluent disposal area/s and any watercourse, wetland or spring.
L2	Contaminants from the activity must not be released to land except as authorised under conditions L3, L5 & L6.
L3	Treated effluent is permitted to be released to land provided that it is done in accordance with a written procedure that ensures: a) infiltration to groundwater and subsurface flows of contaminants to surface waters are prevented b) surface ponding and run-off of effluent is prevented c) degradation of soil structure is minimised d) soil sodicity and the build-up of nutrients and heavy metals in the soil and subsoil are minimised e) spray drift or overspray do not carry beyond effluent disposal areas f) effluent disposal areas are maintained with an appropriate crop in a viable state for transpiration and nutrient uptake g) the crop on the disposal area is harvested and removed from the disposal area.
L4	When weather conditions or soil conditions preclude the release of treated sewage effluent to land, effluent must not be irrigated to land.

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Table 1 – Irrigation area requirements
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<tr><th>Rainfall</th><th>Maximum irrigation rate</th><th>Minimum land required (m^2)</th></tr>
<tr><td><600 millimetres per year (mm/year)</td><td>3 millimetres per day (mm/day)</td><td>335m^2 per m^3 of treated effluent irrigated</td></tr>
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<tr><td>L6</td><td>Treated effluent released to land must comply with the limits in Table 2.
Table 2 – Contaminant release limits to land
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<tr><th>Quality characteristics</th><th>Release limit</th><th>Limit type</th></tr>
<tr><td>Total nitrogen</td><td>30mg/L</td><td>maximum</td></tr>
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c) degradation of soil structure is minimised
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