



Environmental Authority No. M2305 (mining activities)

Section 155 Environmental Protection Act 1994

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This environmental authority is granted under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and includes conditions to minimise environmental harm caused, or likely to be caused, by the authorised mining activities. An environmental authority (mining activities) may be for mining activities authorised (under the Mineral Resources Act 1989) to occur under one of the following mining tenements: a prospecting permit; mining claim; exploration permit; mineral development licence; or mining lease. In general, a mining activity means: prospecting, exploring, mining; or processing minerals; remediation; rehabilitation; and includes facilitation and supporting activities and any action taken to prevent environmental harm.

**Under the provisions of the
Environmental Protection Act 1994 this environmental authority is issued to:**

BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd
Level 13, Riverside Centre
123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

in respect of carrying out activities as part of the following mining project:

Type of environmental authority (mining activities)	Authorised mining tenements	Location
Mining Lease	ML 4751	20km West of Nebo

This environmental authority is subject to the conditions set out in the attached schedules.

This environmental authority takes effect from 13 December 2001.

Ian Wilson

Signed

13 December 2001

Date

Dr. Ian Wilson
Manager, Mining Operations
Delegate of Administering Authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

Note: This environmental authority document is not proof of the current status of the environmental authority. The current status of the environmental authority may be ascertained by contacting the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Schedule of conditions

Schedule A - General conditions

- (A1) 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*.
- (A2) 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.
- (A3) The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects dated January 2001*.¹

¹ Important Note to Condition (A3)

Environmentally Sensitive Area identified in and adjacent to ML 4751 are listed in the table below.

Category	Land Area Classification	General location	Who to contact
Category B	Endangered Regional Ecosystem	Scattered throughout ML 4751	Central West (Emerald) PO BOX 906 Emerald Qld 4720 Ph 4982 4555 Fax 4982 2568

Schedule B - Additional conditions

- (B1) The environmental authority holder where carrying out exploration activities must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects dated January 2001*.
- (B2) The environmental authority holder may carry out activities within areas of endangered regional ecosystems.

Condition B2 is an additional condition that overrides Standard Environmental Condition (SEC)13 of the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects dated January 2001* to the extent that SEC 13 prohibits the holder of the environmental authority carrying out activities within 500m of an endangered regional ecosystem (Category B) environmentally sensitive area.

- (B3) Where carrying out activities in endangered regional ecosystems as permitted by B2 the environmental authority holder must do so in accordance with the undertakings in *Supporting Information to application for Standard Environmental Authority – Request to carry out activities in endangered regional ecosystems* signed by the holder on 13th December 2001.
- (B4) In regard to complying with Standard Environmental Condition 42, 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