

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPSX00628113

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

Environmental authority number: EPSX00628113

Environmental authority takes effect on 20 August 2020

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Exco Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd	Suite 3 Level 32, 10 Eagle Street, Brisbane City QLD 4000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Resource Activity, Non-Scheduled, Mining Activity, Exploration Permit Mineral - EPM	EPM15923

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:

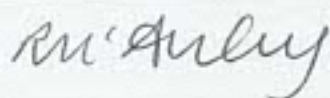
- a) if the authority is for a prescribed ERA and it states that it takes effect on the day nominated by the holder of the authority in a written notice given to the administering authority-on the nominated day; or
- b) if the authority states a day or an event for it to take effect-on the stated day or when the stated event happens; or
- c) otherwise- one 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.

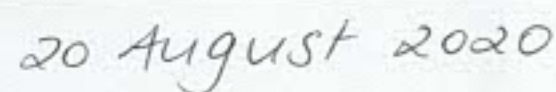
If this EA takes effect when the additional authorisation takes effect, you must provide the administering authority written notice within 5 business days of receiving notification of the related additional authorisation taking effect.

The anniversary day of this environmental authority is the same day each year as the effective date. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day. An annual return will be due each year on 01 March.

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.



Signature



Date

Rebecca McAuley
Department of Environment and Science
Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

Date issued: 20 August 2020

Enquiries:
Minerals Business Centre
Department of Environment and Science

Phone: 07 4222 5352
Email: ESCairns@des.qld.gov.au

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

The conditions for approval for this environmental authority are standard conditions contained within the documents entitled:

- Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)

Variations to the standard conditions include:

- V1** Notwithstanding condition A2 of the Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985), the holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation is minimized. Not more than 8.3 hectares can be disturbed at any one location, excluding campsites.
- V2** Notwithstanding condition A13 of the Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2, the holder of the environmental authority may carry out exploration activities within 1km of a Category A environmentally sensitive area, and within 500m of a Category B environmentally sensitive area.
- V3** The environmental authority holder must not carry out exploration activities within a Category A or Category B environmentally sensitive area.
- V4** Significant residual impacts to prescribed environmental matters are not authorised under this environmental authority or the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.
- V5** 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

'Prescribed environmental matter' is defined in section 10 of the Environmental Offsets Act 1994.

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY