

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPSX02407314

Under Chapter 5 of the Environmental Protection Act

Permit number: EPSX02407314

Environmental authority takes effect on 27 November 2020.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Strategic Metals Australia Pty Ltd	310 Pomona Kin Kin Road, Pinbarren, QLD, AUSTRALIA, 4568

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Resource Activity, Non-Scheduled, Mining Activity, Exploration Permit Mineral - EPM	EPM25726 EPM25468 EPM26567 EPM26415 EPM27603

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).

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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 'managing contaminated land'.

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 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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Delegate of the administering 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)

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Legislative Requirements and Conditions of Environmental Authority

Conditions for EPM25726, EPM25468, EPM26567, EPM26415 and EPM27603

- G1** With the exception of any variations, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority are standard conditions contained within the document entitled

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

- G2** Where there is a discrepancy between a standard condition and a condition of this environmental authority, the environmental authority condition applies.

Conditions for EPM26415 and EPM27603

- V1** The environmental authority holder must not cause a significant residual impact to any prescribed environmental matter as defined in the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.
- V2** 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

Key terms and/or phrases used in this document are defined in this section and the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects (ESR/2016/1985, Version 2.00, Effective 31 MAR 16)*. Where a term is not defined, the definition contained in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, its associated regulations or environmental protection policies must be used. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

‘significant residual impact’ is defined under section 8 of the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.

‘appropriately qualified person’ means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis on performance relating to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.

‘prescribed environmental matters’ has the meaning in section 10 of the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*, limited to the Matters of State Environmental Significance listed in schedule 2 of the *Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014*.

END OF PERMIT

Attachments

- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects—Version 2.*