

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPVL00895113

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

Environmental authority number: EPVL00895113

Environmental authority takes effect on the day section 250D provisions have been met.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 10 August each year.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Cheryl May Fitzgerald	Lot 10 Mulligan Highway LAKELAND QLD 4871

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Non-Scheduled – Mining Activity – Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM26755

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 land give written notice to the administering authority if they become aware of the following:

- the presence of, or happening of an event involving, a hazardous contaminant on the land that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm (notice must be given within 24 hours); or



- if the land is contaminated land – a change in the condition of the land that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm (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 land (notice must be given within 20 business days).

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 – 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.

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 April.

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.

T. Gibbs

Signature

26 August 2024

Date

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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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

- G1** With the exception of any varied conditions, 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 – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)*
- G2** All reasonable steps must be taken to ensure the activity complies with the eligibility criteria and standard conditions.

Variations to the standard conditions include:

- Schedule PG – General
- Schedule PL – Land

Schedule PG – General

- PG1** 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*.
- PG2** 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.
- PG3** The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2* for exploration tenures.
- PG4** Conditions PG1 to PG3 are additional conditions imposed on the environmental authority. If there is any inconsistency between a standard environmental condition referred to in condition PG3 and an additional condition, the additional condition prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

Schedule PL – Land

- PL1** Significant residual impacts to prescribed environmental matters, are not authorised on EPM26775 under this environmental authority or the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.
- PL2** 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 Part 1 of this document are defined in this section and the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for mining lease activities–Version 2 (ESR/2016/2241)*. 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.

‘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.

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

Attachments

Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/2241).