

Permit¹

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority

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

Permit¹ number: EPVL01220013

Environmental authority takes effect 28 May 2013

The anniversary date for this environmental authority remains 13 March.

An annual return and the payment of the annual fee which is currently \$551.00 will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name	Registered address
Bamboo Plantations of Australia Pty Ltd	PO Box 651 Terrey Hills NSW 2084

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity(ies)	Location(s)
Mining - ML	ML4212

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).

Contaminated land

¹ Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation



It is a requirement of the EP Act that if an owner or occupier of land becomes aware a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3 and Schedule 4) is being carried out on the land, or that the land has been, or is being, contaminated by a hazardous contaminant, the owner or occupier must, within 22 business days after becoming so aware, give written notice to the chief executive.



Signature

Dean Sharpe
Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

28 May 2013

Date

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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

With the exception of any variations, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority include standard conditions contained within the attached document(s) entitled:

- Code of environmental compliance for Mining Lease Projects (EM588)

Variations to the standard conditions include:

- 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 latest version of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects.
- A4 Notwithstanding condition 14 of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects the holder of this environmental authority is permitted to conduct mining activities (trial peat extraction) within 1 kilometre but not within 50m of any endangered regional ecosystem (Category B Environmentally Sensitive Area).
- A5 The mining activities undertaken at the licensed place must comply with the 'trial extraction' described in the "Proposed trial for peat extraction at Lynch's Crater, Atherton Tablelands", document reference 12SUTECO-0006, dated 12 April 2013.
- A6 The trial peat extraction authorised in condition 5 must be undertaken between 1 June 2013 and 1 August 2013.
- A7 Notwithstanding condition 5, the maximum volume of substrate to be extracted during the trial peat extraction must not exceed 6m³.
- A8 The administering authority must be advised at least 5 business days prior to the commencement of the trial peat extraction referred to in condition 5.

- A9 A written report must be provided to the administering authority within 8 weeks of completion of the trial peat extraction. This report must include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- a. how the trial peat extraction complied with the conditions of this environmental authority
 - b. any impacts including ground water quality, substrate slippage or collapse, extent of halo impacts around the extraction site and the extent of any groundwater draw down around the extraction site
 - c. rehabilitation required and undertaken
 - d. identify the viability of a full scale extraction based on the trial peat extraction methodology
- A10 Where there is any discrepancy between the conditions of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects and this environmental authority, the conditions of the environmental authority will apply.

END OF PERMIT

Attachments

Code of environmental compliance for Mining Lease Projects (EM588)

