

Permit¹

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPVX00498513

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

Permit¹ number: EPVX00498513

Environmental authority takes effect 25 June 2015.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 22 October each year. An annual return and the payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name	Registered address
RMA Energy Limited	Level 8 16 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity(ies)	Location(s)
Exploration - Mineral Mining - EPM	EPM15117 EPM15127 EPM19736

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



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 specified in this environmental authority, the holder of the environmental authority must comply with each of the standard conditions contained in the following codes:

- *Code of environmental compliance for exploration and mineral development projects.*

Variations to the standard conditions include:

Agency Interest: General

- G1 The environmental authority does not take effect until the grant of the tenure to the environmental authority holder, or until each environmental authority holder has become a holder, under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, of each of the relevant mining tenements.
- G2 The conditions of this environmental authority are in force until the 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*.
- G3 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.
- G4 If there is any inconsistency between a standard environmental condition and an additional condition in this environmental authority, the additional condition prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

Agency Interest: Land

- L1 Exploration within the Mount Zero-Taravale Nature Refuge must only occur in those areas shown on the map (Map 1) attached to this Environmental Authority.
- L2 Drill site
- Locate drill sites at least 30m from any *Acacia jackesiana* or *Acacia longipedunculata* species; and
 - Operational area is to be no greater than 1000m²; and
 - Sump size is to be no greater than 10m²; and
 - Topsoil stripping must be limited to the sump area; and
 - All clearing of mature trees must be prevented or minimised; and
 - Drilling or clearing cannot occur within 50m of any watercourse.
- L3 Tracks

- Locate any tracks at least 30m from any *Acacia jackesiana* or *Acacia longipedunculata* species; and
- All tracks, including water course crossings, must be commissioned and operated in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Native Forest Timber Production*.

L4 Other Land Disturbance

- Activities must not include seismic lines, costeaning or bulk sampling; and
- All equipment such as earthmoving and drilling equipment must be used in a manner which prevents the spread of weeds, minimises unnecessary disturbance of topsoil and groundcover vegetation; and
- Prior to entering the Mount Zero-Taravale Nature Refuge all vehicles, machinery and equipment must be washed down in accordance with the latest administering authority for clean down procedures; and
- Campsites must be established' and
- All waste must be removed and disposed offsite; and
- Burning of vegetation is not permitted.

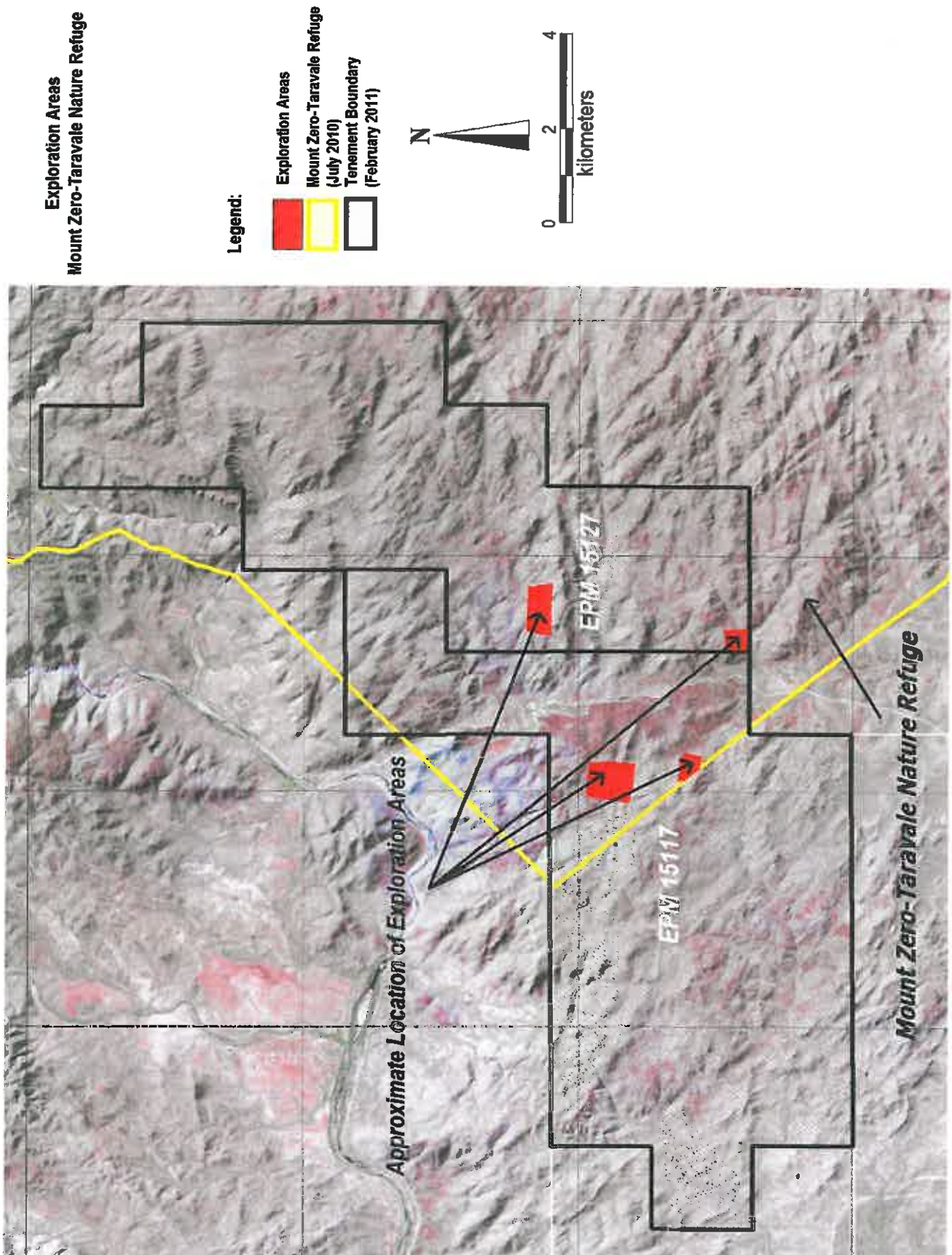
L5 Rehabilitation and Reporting

- Rehabilitation of areas disturbed within the Mount Zero-Taravale Nature Refuge must be completes as soon as practicable but no longer than 3 months after completion of the disturbance activity; and
- The environmental authority holder must revegetate disturbed areas of the Mount Zero-Taravale Nature Refuge with native plant species endemic to the area that will promote the same vegetation type and density of cover to that of the surrounding undisturbed area in the Mount Zero-Taravale Nature Refuge.

Agency Interest: Impacts on Surrounds

- IM1 The relevant *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects* imposes certain restrictions on mining activities within or adjacent to Category A, B or C environmentally sensitive areas, watercourses, wetlands and lakes. Category C – Nature Refuge has been identified within or adjacent to the mining tenure/s. Please ensure that the relevant provisions of the Code are complied with.

Map 1



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Attachments

Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects