

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPVX00975313

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

Environmental authority number: EPVX00975313

Environmental authority takes effect on 10 July 2020. This is the take effect date.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Conquest Mining Limited	Level 24 175 Liverpool St SYDNEY NSW 2000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Non-Scheduled Mining Activity Mineral Development Licence (MDL)	MDL2010

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 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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Department of Environment and Science
Delegate of the administering authority
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** The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the standard conditions contained in the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects (ESR/2016/1985) – Version 2*.
- G2** Where there is a discrepancy between a standard condition and a condition of this environmental authority, the environmental authority condition applies.
- G3** The environmental authority holder must ensure that an estimated rehabilitation cost decision is in effect for the activity and:
- a) A contribution has been paid to the scheme fund in the amount and form required; or
 - b) Surety has been given for the authority in the amount and form required.
- G4** The mining activities must not cause more than 10 hectares of significantly disturbed land at any one time.
- H1** The environmental authority holder must not cause a significant residual impact to any prescribed environmental matter as defined under the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.
- H2** 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) a) completed by an appropriately qualified person; and
 - b) b) kept for the life of the environmental authority.
- H3** Except as authorised under condition H4, the holder of the environmental authority must not carry out activities in a category A or B environmentally sensitive area. Activities involving machinery must not be carried out within 1km of a category A environmentally sensitive area.
- H4** Subject to condition H1, the environmental authority holder is authorised to carry out exploration activities within the 'proposed disturbance area' identified in 'Map 1: Areas within Category B ESA where exploration activities are permitted' on MDL2010, within the category B environmentally sensitive area identified as 'Regional Ecosystem 11.12.21 - *Acacia harpophylla* open forest on igneous rocks; colluvial lower slopes'.
- H5** Prior to carrying out activities in a category C environmentally sensitive area, consult with the relevant administering authority. If it is determined through the consultation that additional conditions are necessary, the holder must comply with those conditions.

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..* 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.

‘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.

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

Map 1: Areas within Category B ESA where exploration activities permitted.

