

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority

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

Environmental authority number: EPVX01840414

Environmental authority takes effect on 3 November 2025.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 4 March each year.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Bowen Basin Coal Pty Ltd	Level 20, 66 Eagle Street Brisbane QLD 4000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Mineral Development Licence	MDL303

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).

Mobile and temporary activities

If you operate a mobile and temporary environmentally relevant activity (ERA), other than regulated waste transport, you are required to maintain a work diary. You must:

- use the approved form for a work diary (ESR/2015/1696);
- keep the work diary records for 2 years after the last entry;
- inform the administering authority within 7 days of the work diary being lost or stolen;
- record the information required in the work diary for each location within 1 day of leaving the location.



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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.



Signature

3 November 2025

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).

Other permits required

This permit only provides an approval under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. In order to lawfully operate you may also require permits / approvals from your local government authority, other business units within the department, and other State and Federal Government agencies prior to commencing any activity at the site. For example, this may include permits / approvals with your local Council (for planning approval), the Department of Transport and Main Roads (to access State controlled roads), the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development (to clear vegetation), and the Department of Primary Industries (to clear marine plants or to obtain a quarry material allocation).

Obligations under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

Matters of national environmental significance (MNES) are regulated under the Commonwealth EPBC Act rather than under state legislation. You may need to submit a referral if your project potentially impacts any matters protected under the EPBC Act. For more information on self-assessments, and referral and assessment processes please visit the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water webpage, <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/advice>.

Obligations under the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*

If you are operating a quarry, other than a sand and gravel quarry where there is no crushing capability, you will be required to comply with the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*. For more information on your obligations under this legislation contact Mine Safety and Health at <https://www.nrmrrd.qld.gov.au/>, or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or your local Mines Inspectorate Office.

Development Approval

This permit is not a development approval under the *Planning Act 2016*. The conditions of this environmental authority are separate, and in addition to, any conditions that may be on the development approval. If a copy of this environmental authority is attached to a development approval, it is for information only, and may not be current. Please contact the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation to ensure that you have the most current version of the environmental authority relating to this site.

Obligations under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (the Cultural Heritage Acts)

The Cultural Heritage Acts require anyone who carries out a land-use activity to exercise a duty of care. This 'duty of care' means land users must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure their activity does not harm Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, and applies to any activity where Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage is located. For more information on your obligations under this legislation, please visit the Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism webpage at, <https://www.dwatsipm.qld.gov.au/>.

Conditions of environmental authority

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

- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects—Version 2* (ESR/2016/1985).

Variations to the standard conditions include:

Agency Interest: General	
Condition number	Condition
A1	The conditions of this environmental authority are in force until a surrender of the authority is accepted pursuant to the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> . The conditions apply unless an amendment is approved pursuant to the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> .
A2	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”, except Condition A2 and A13 , which are replaced by the conditions of this environmental authority.
A3	The holder of the environmental authority must not carry out activities in a category A environmentally sensitive area . Activities involving machinery must not be carried out within 1 km of a category A environmentally sensitive area .

Agency Interest: Land	
Condition number	Condition
B1	The environmental authority holder is authorised, subject to conditions B2 to B4 , to carry out exploration activities on the relevant tenement within 500m of endangered regional ecosystems (EREs). Note: EREs are Category B environmentally sensitive areas as defined in Schedule 19, Part 1 of <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2019</i> .
B2	Activities within 500m of ERE Activities within 500m of an ERE, as permitted by condition B1 , must only be carried out at locations specified in Figure 1: Exploration and drilling locations on MDL303, Figure 2a: Proposed exploration drilling program location (northern portion of MDL303) and Figure 2b: Proposed exploration drilling program location (southern portion of MDL303) .
B3	Exploration drilling conducted within 500m of an ERE, must not exceed an area of 1000m ² , at any location specified in Figure 1: Exploration and drilling locations on MDL303, Figure 2a: Proposed exploration drilling program location (northern portion of MDL303) and Figure 2b: Proposed exploration drilling program location (southern portion of MDL303) unless authorised by condition B4 of this EA.
B4	Notwithstanding historical activity, from 12 February 2025 the holder of this environmental authority is authorised to conduct a single drill pad not exceeding 4900m ² in the location depicted as Approved Lateral Drill Pad Location in Figure 1: Exploration and drilling locations on MDL303 within 500m of an ERE. This drill pad must be in accordance with Figure 3: Layout of lateral drill pad for drift exploration on MDL303 and not contain more than three (3) drill holes.
B5	Disturbance as a result of proposed access tracks among drill pads must be minimised including where possible slashed or stick raked (as opposed to cleared).

B6	Rehabilitation Rehabilitation of disturbance within 500m of EREs must be completed as soon as practicable, but no longer than three (3) months after completion of the disturbance activity.
B7	All land subject to exploration activities must be rehabilitated within six (6) months of concluding exploration activities at each drill site to a non-polluting, safe, stable and self-sustaining landform.
B8	Annual reporting An annual report must be prepared each year and submitted to the administering authority with each annual return. The report must include a map identifying all exploration activities undertaken to date on Mineral Development Licence 303. The map is to clearly distinguish between proposed, completed and rehabilitated activities to demonstrate compliance with this environmental authority.

Definitions

Key terms and/or phrases used in this document are defined in this section. 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.

Activity means the environmentally relevant activities under the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, whether resource activities or prescribed activities, to which the environmental authority relates.

Administering authority means the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation or its successor or predecessors.

Contaminant A contaminant can be —

- a) a gas, liquid or solid; or
- b) an odour; or
- c) an organism (whether alive or dead), including a virus; or
- d) energy, including noise, heat, radioactivity and electromagnetic radiation; or
- e) a combination of contaminants.

Disturbance means any area that has had its natural state altered by the action or interference of carrying out an activity associated with the mining project.

Environmental authority means an environmental authority under Chapter 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Environmental authority holder means the holder of this environmental authority.

Exploration activities are mining activities permitted under an environmental authority, that allows the holder to:

- a) determine the existence, quality and quantity of minerals;
- b) evaluate the potential for development of the mineral resource;
- c) determine mining and engineering feasibility studies; and
- d) other activities approved by the Minister.

Waters includes river, stream, lake, lagoon, pond, swamp, wetland, unconfined surface water, unconfined water, natural or artificial watercourse, bed and bank of any waters, dams, non-tidal or tidal waters (including the sea), stormwater channel, stormwater drain and groundwater and any part thereof.

Watercourse means a watercourse as defined under the *Water Act 2000*.

You means the holder of the environmental authority.

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Appendices

Figure 1: Exploration and drilling locations on MDL303

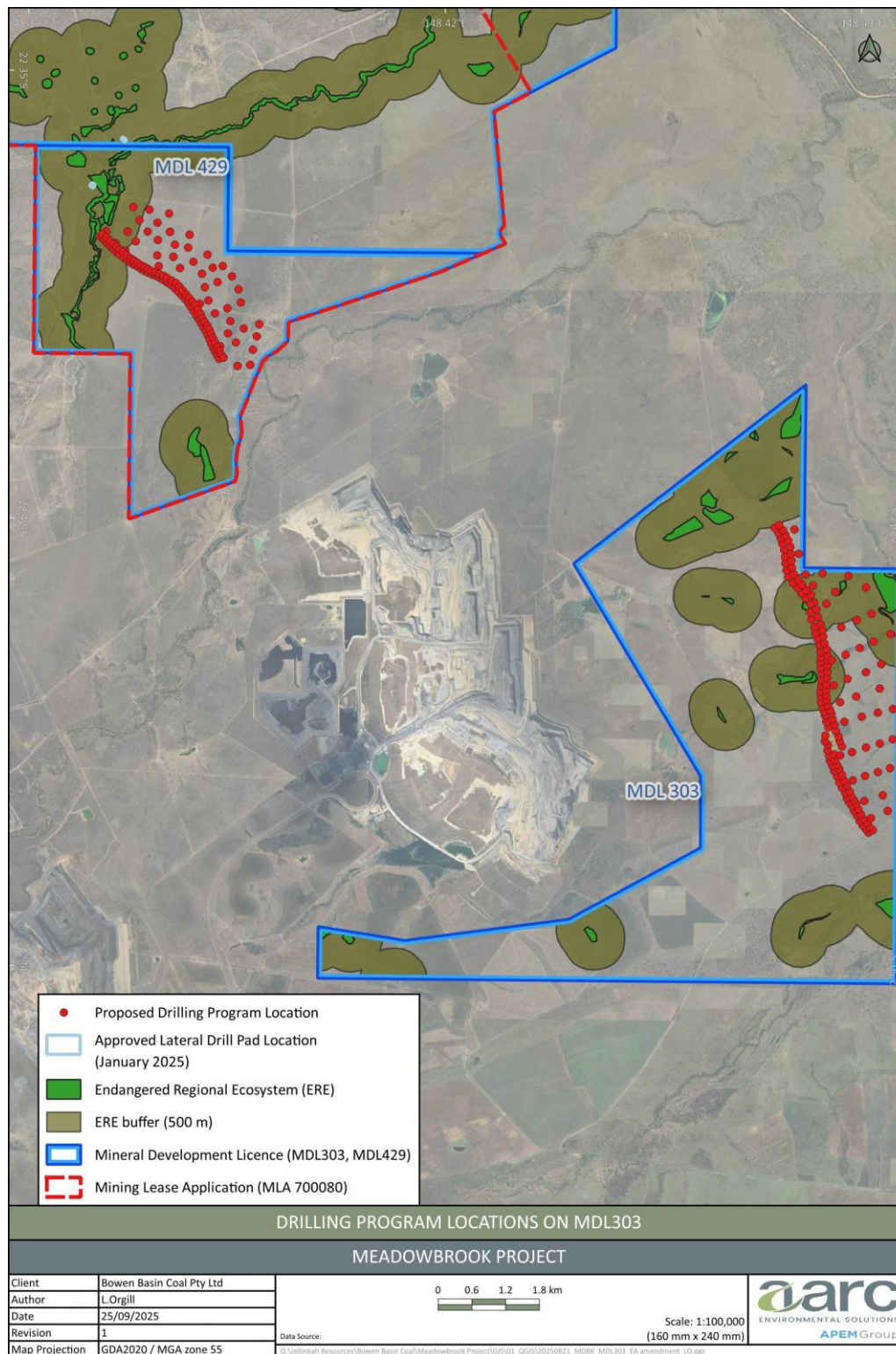


Figure 2a: Proposed exploration drilling program location (north western portion of MDL303)

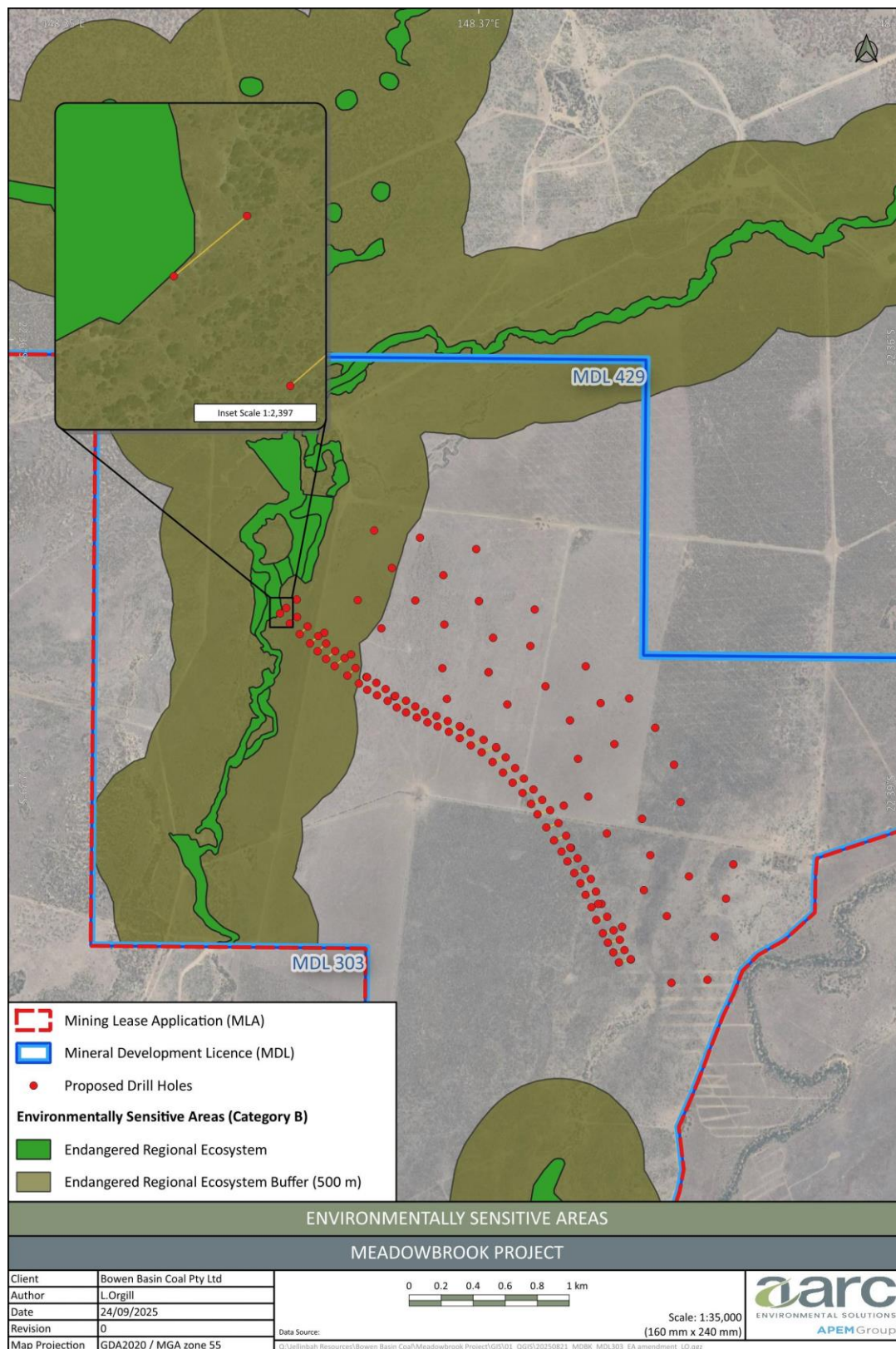


Figure 2b: Proposed exploration drilling program location (south eastern portion of MDL303)

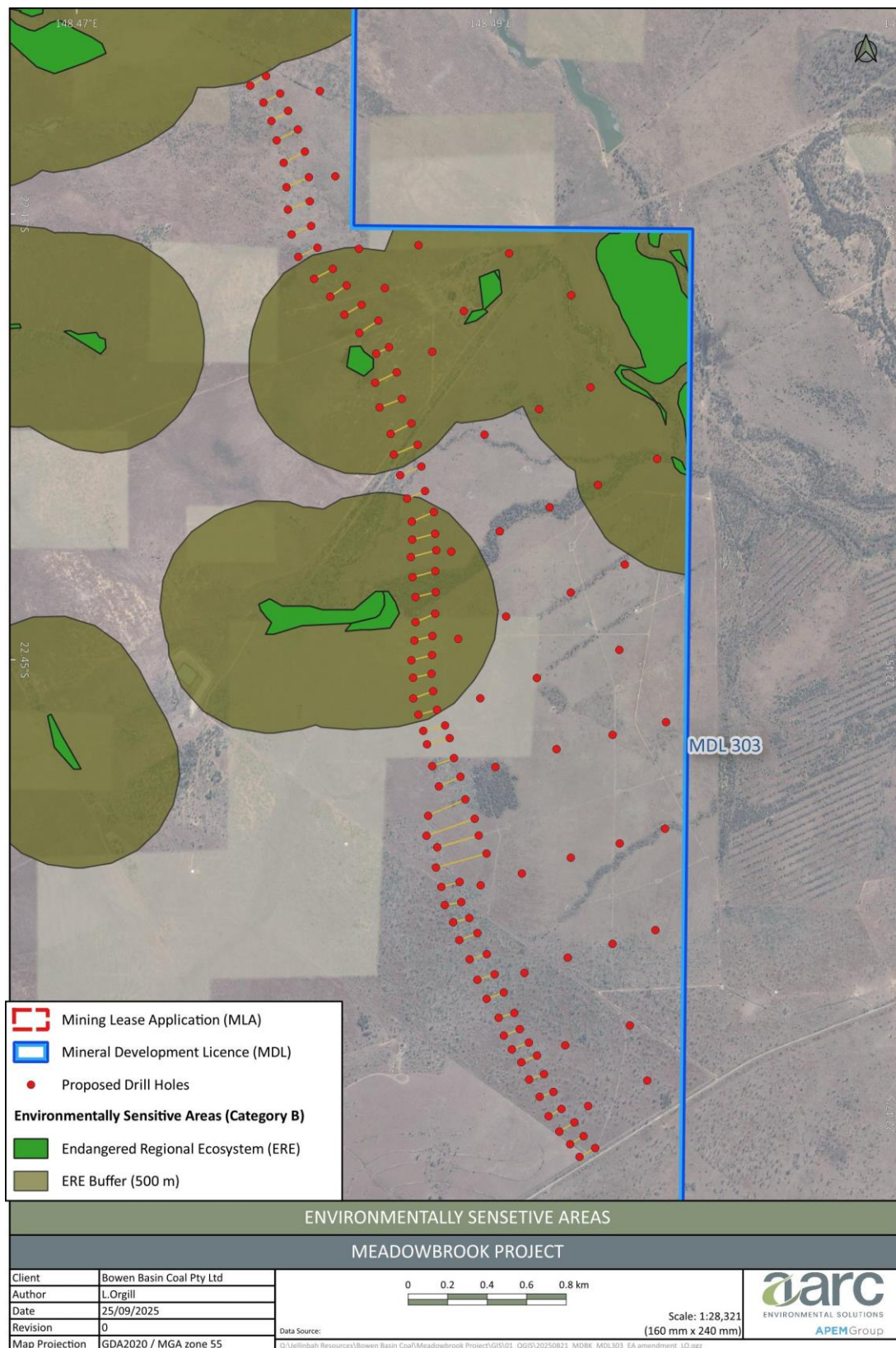


Figure 3: Layout of lateral drill pad for drift exploration on MDL303



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