

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPVX02603914

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

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Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
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Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Resource Activity, Non-Scheduled, Mining Activity, Mineral Development Licence - MDL	MDL505

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'.

Environmental authority

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 Sustainable Planning Act 2009 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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Legislative Requirements and Conditions of Environmental Authority

Legislative Requirements

- RLR001
- (a) the mining activity does not, or will not, at any one time, cause more than 10ha of land to be significantly disturbed;
 - (b) the mining activity is not, or will not be, carried out in a category A environmentally sensitive area or a category B environmentally sensitive area;
 - (c) the mining activity is not, or will not be, carried out under an environmental authority under which either of the following is, or is to be, authorised-
 - (i) an environmentally relevant activity to which a section of schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 applies and for which there is an aggregate environmental score;
 - (ii) a resource activity, other than a mining activity, that is an ineligible ERA;
 - (d) the mining activity is not, or will not be, carried out in a strategic environmental area, unless-
 - (i) the mining activity is authorised under an environmental authority for a mining activity relating to a mining claim, an environmental authority for a mining activity relating to an exploration permit or an environmental authority for a mining activity relating to a mineral development licence; or
 - (ii) the mining activity involves alluvial mining and is, or will be, carried out at a place that is not in a designated precinct in a strategic environmental area; or
 - (iii) the mining activity involves clay pit mining, dimension stone mining, hard rock mining, opal mining or shallow pit mining and is, or will be, carried out at a place that is not in a designated precinct in a strategic environmental area.
 - (e) the mining activity does not, or will not, at any one time, cause more than 5000m² of land to be disturbed at a camp site;

- (f) to more than 20m³ of any substance is, or will be, extracted from each kilometre of a riverine area affected by the mining activity in a year.

Condition

General

- E2 The environmental authority holder must not carry out activities involving machinery within 1 kilometre of a Category A environmentally sensitive area or within 500m of a Category B environmentally sensitive area, with the exception of the activities authorised in Table E1: Authorised disturbance within 1 km of Category A Environmentally sensitive areas and Table E2: Authorised disturbance within 1 km of Category A Environmentally sensitive areas and 500m of Category B Environmentally sensitive areas and illustrated in Schedule 1 - Approved Plans.

- RSG001 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must submit the required amount of financial assurance to the administering authority prior to carrying out any activities on the mining tenement. If the activities that are being carried out by the holder of the environmental authority are altered so as to cause a change in the category of total area of disturbance shown in RA003 - Form 3: Schedule of Rehabilitation Costs, the holder of the environmental authority must submit an application to amend their financial assurance to the administering authority. If an application is lodged to transfer the environmental authority to another person or company, the proposed transferee must submit the required financial assurance prior to the transfer taking effect.

Note - Financial assurance must be calculated in accordance with Form 3: Schedule of Rehabilitation Costs in RA003 of this environmental authority.

Note - Chapter 5, Part 12, Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 requires that the holder of the environmental authority gives the administering authority a financial assurance in a form acceptable to the administering authority. When necessary, the holder of the environmental authority must submit an application to amend their financial assurance under section 302 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The holder of the environmental authority must lodge a single financial assurance with the District Mining Registrar, Department of Natural Resources and Mines. The financial assurance will consist of two components:

- (i) an amount to cover the potential costs to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection of rehabilitating areas disturbed by mining activities should the environmental authority holder failure to do so; and
- (ii) an amount to cover the potential costs to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines of restoring property improvements disturbed by mining activities and the failure of the tenure holder to pay rents and royalties.

RSG002 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must plan and conduct activities on site to prevent any potential or actual release of a hazardous contaminant.

Note - Section 442 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 makes it an offence to release a prescribed contaminant. A prescribed contaminant is a contaminant prescribed by an Environmental Protection Policy.

Note - Section 443 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 makes it an offence to cause or allow a contaminant to be placed in a position where it could reasonably be expected to cause serious or material environmental harm or environmental nuisance.

RSG003 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that spills of hazardous contaminants are cleaned up as quickly as practicable. Such spillage must not be cleaned up by hosing, sweeping or otherwise releasing such contaminants to any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake.

Note - If a mining lease becomes Significantly Disturbed Land because it is contaminated, it ceases to be significantly disturbed land if a Suitability Statement is issued for the land. Refer to Chapter 7, Part 8 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Note - A Site Management Plan approved under Chapter 7, Part 8 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 may be required by the administering authority for sites recorded on the Environmental Management Register or the Contaminated Land Register. Such sites may include acid producing waste rock stockpiles or tailings dams containing acid producing wastes.

RSG004 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not carry out the following prescribed environmentally relevant activities (ERA) on the mining tenement:

- (a) ERA 61 Waste incineration and thermal treatment at threshold 1 - incinerating waste vegetation, clean paper or cardboard;
- (b) ERA 52 Battery Recycling - operating a facility for receiving, and recycling or reprocessing, any type of battery; and
- (c) ERA 59 Tyre Recycling - operating a facility on a commercial basis for receiving and recycling or receiving and reprocessing 1000 or more equivalent passenger units of tyres, or parts of tyres, in a year. (The relevant activity does not include retreading tyres).

RSG006 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not dispose of more than 50 tonnes of general waste on the mining tenement per year.

Note -The holder of the environmental authority may bury up to 50 tonnes of general waste on the mining tenement per year. When burying general waste the following measures or similar measures should be used:

- locate the waste pit so as to ensure that the waste will not contaminate any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake;
- divert stormwater runoff from entering the pit;
- crush drums and other containers to reduce the volume of waste;
- make the pit safe and protect it from scavengers;
- backfill the pit when the level of rubbish in the pit is not less than 1m below the surface; and
- sufficiently overfill the pit to allow for settlement.

Note – The holder of the environmental authority may dispose of limited regulated waste to a licensed general waste disposal facility provided the annual volume of limited regulated waste does not exceed 10% of the annual volume of general waste (e.g. tyres).

RSG007 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not directly or indirectly release fuels, oils, lubricants or other contaminants to any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake.

Note - To prevent the direct or indirect release of fuels, lubricants or other contaminants to any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- maintain all refuelling equipment in good working order;

- use groundsheets or drip trays to capture spillage during maintenance of machinery and vehicles;
- locate all fuel storages within an impermeable bund;
- ensure all liquid containment, including fuel tank bunds and process water ponds, have a volume at least equal to the design volume plus an additional 10% of that volume; and
- where practical, undertake all refuelling and routine maintenance of vehicles within designated service areas.

RSG008 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that all chemical, fuel and oil storage facilities less than 10,000L on a mining tenement, must be designed and operated in accordance with Australian Standard 1940 - 'The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids', Section 2, Minor Storage.

RSG009 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that:

- (a) all chemical, fuel and oil storage facilities of more than 10,000L on a mining tenement, must be bunded to contain at least one hundred percent of the volume of the largest container, plus twenty-five percent of the storage capacity of the largest container up to a maximum of 10,000L, together with ten percent of the storage capacity beyond 10,000L; and
- (b) the facility must be operated and maintained in accordance with the Australian Standard 1940 - "The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids".

RSG010 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure:

- (a) all marker pegs are marked with contrasting colour so as to be clearly visible;
- (b) all marker pegs are removed from the tenement at the completion of exploration activities;
- (c) all permanent markers (example, concrete plugs or steel plates) are installed at ground level and made safe.

RSG011 (S) When drilling, excavating or sampling, the holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation is minimised.

Note - When drilling, excavating or sampling the following measures or similar measures can be used to minimise the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation:

- consider seasonal influences, such as rainfall before excavating or establishing a drill site;
- construct drill pads no larger than necessary to safely accommodate the drilling rigs and ancillary equipment;
- use excavators or backhoes wherever possible in preference to bulldozers; and
- use drilling fluids and other process fluids which are non-toxic.

Note - Prior to working in riverine areas refer to the "Technical Guidelines for the Environmental Management of Mining and Exploration in Queensland", Part B, "Exploration and Mining in Watercourses".

Note - Install and maintain adequate warning signs, fences and rock bunds to exclude people, livestock and native animals from excavations and shafts.

Note - Provide safe access to water for livestock and native animals by:

- providing hard surfaces around water storage areas; and
- fencing off any soft areas around the edge of water storage areas.

RSG012 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not drill, excavate or clear vegetation:
(a) in standing waters, wetlands or lakes; or
(b) on the sloped banks or within 3m of the top of the bank or 5m of the toe of the bank; or
(c) within, or on the levee banks of the normal flow channel.

Note - For representative diagrams that define the different landform elements that make up a watercourse refer to RA004 - Figure 1 - Cross Section Through a Watercourse and Figure 2 – Plan View of a Watercourse.

RSG013 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must decommission all non-artesian drill holes, apart from those still required for monitoring purposes as soon as practical, but no later than 6 months after the hole was drilled by undertaking the following actions:

- (a) where practical dispose of all unused drill chips to the hole or to a sump pit and;
- (b) cap the hole at a depth that is appropriate for the previous land use of the area (unless the land owner stipulates a future use which requires the cap to be placed deeper); and
- (c) backfill the hole above the cap with soil or material similar to the surrounding soil or material.

Note - The following depths are considered as appropriate for capping:

- surface level in rock outcrops; and
- at least 1m below the surface on land used for cropping; and
- at least 300 mm below the surface on other land.

RSG014 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must isolate non-artesian aquifers where a drill hole intersects more than one water bearing strata by casing or plugging the hole as soon as practical after the hole is no longer required, but no later than 2 months after the hole was drilled, apart from those holes that are still required for monitoring purposes if:

- (a) the flow difference between aquifers exceeds 500L/hour; and
- (b) the difference in electrical conductivity of water is greater than 10% of the lower value.

RSG015 (S) Conditions RSG013 and RSG014 do not apply to a non-artesian exploration drill hole if:

- (a) the land owner and the explorer have agreed that it should be left for conversion to a water bore; and
- (b) the landowner gives a written undertaking to accept responsibility for the hole; and
- (c) the details of the agreement and the drill hole (such as its GPS location and the drill logs showing the water bearing strata and flow rates) are provided to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines within 30 days of the land owner giving the undertaking; and
- (d) the hole is temporarily capped so as to prevent possible ingress of surface waters and associated sediments and pollutants.

Note - Drill holes that are to be converted to a water bore must be done so by a licensed water bore driller.

RSG016 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that exploration drill holes that strike artesian flows of water that exceeds 500L/hour for seven days must be either:

(a) decommissioned as soon as practical, but no later than 1 month after the hole was drilled, apart from holes that are still required for monitoring or evaluation purposes. Refer to Report No. SW4 - "Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia", (ARMCANZ 1997); or

(b) capped to allow for future conversion into a controlled artesian bore by a licensed water bore driller; or

(c) converted into a controlled artesian bore by a licensed water bore driller, provided that:

(i) the land owner has undertaken in writing to accept responsibility for the drill hole; and

(ii) the explorer provides details of the agreement and the drill hole to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines within 30 days of obtaining the landowner's agreement.

Note - Provisions apply under the Water Act 2000 with respect to the utilisation of ground water from boreholes in Proclaimed Areas (which include all Artesian Basin areas) and the rehabilitation of boreholes.

RSG017 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that exploration drill holes that are to be retained for future mineral resource evaluation purposes are cased and capped. Holes to be retained for more than three years must be capped with steel casing and appropriately identified.

RSG018 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must plan and determine the final position of gridlines and geophysical lines in consultation with the landowner.

RSG019 (S) When constructing gridlines and geophysical lines, the holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation is minimised.

Note - When constructing gridlines and geophysical lines the following measures or similar measures can be used to ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation is minimised:

- (a) conduct surveying of gridlines on foot;
- (b) use existing gates, tracks, roads and seismic lines;
- (c) before deciding on the location of new seismic lines, record the location of all underground or surface pipelines, cables, power lines, etc. and avoid these areas;
- (d) in planning for drilling and sampling activities, where possible, ensure the activities occur at least 100m from riverine areas;
- (e) construct seismic lines that do not exceed the width necessary to safely undertake the survey;
- (f) use Global Positioning Systems (GPS), or other techniques, to reduce the need for line of sight clearing;
- (g) maintain buffer widths of at least 25m between all disturbed areas;
- (h) minimise the use of bulldozers and excavators when cutting gridlines and/or seismic lines; and
- (i) notify landowners at least 24 hours prior to detonating seismic explosives.

Table E1 Table E1 – Authorised Disturbance within 1km of Category A Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

Activity	Limitation of Activity within Category A ESA 1km Buffer	Site Co-ordinates			Maximum footprint of disturbance permitted for each activity within Category A ESA 1km Buffer
Exploration drill sites	3 sites (5 drill holes)	SITE	E_GDA94	N_GDA94	900m2 per drill site
		MB_X	724851	7390771	
		GT5	724446	7390646	
		MB04	725020	7390770	
Tracks to drill sites	3 tracks				3.5m wide per track

	(total length = 200m)				
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Table E2 Table E2: Authorised Disturbance within 1km of Category A Environmentally Sensitive Areas and 500m of Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Activity	Limitation of Activity within Category B ESA 500m Buffer	Site Co-ordinates			Maximum footprint of disturbance permitted for each activity within Category B ESA 500m Buffer
Exploration drill sites	1 site (1 drill hole)	SITE MB06	E_GDA94 726387	N_GDA94 7389683	900m2 per drill site
Tracks to drill sites	1 track (total length = 150m)				3.5m wide

Condition

Condition

Where there is an inconsistency between a standard condition and a variation condition, the variation condition prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

- A1 This environmental authority authorises environmental harm referred to in the conditions. Where there is no condition or this environmental authority is silent on a matter, the lack of a condition or silence does not authorise environmental harm.
- A2 The environmental authority holder must develop and implement during the continuation of this authority, a program to ensure that all employees and contractors on site are aware of and comply with the relevant requirements of this environmental authority.

- A4 The holder of this environmental authority must notify the administering authority by written notification within 24 hours, after becoming aware of any emergency or incident which results in the release of contaminants not in accordance, or reasonably to be not in accordance with, the conditions of this environmental authority.
- A5 Within 10 business days following the initial notification of an emergency or incident, or receipt of monitoring results, whichever is the latter, further written advice must be provided to the administering authority, including the following:
- (a) results and interpretation of any samples taken and analysed;
 - (b) outcome of actions taken at the time to prevent or minimise unlawful environmental harm; and
 - (c) proposed actions to prevent a recurrence of the emergency or incident.
- A6 The environmental authority holder must notify, in writing, the occupiers or registered owner of affected land and any other potentially impacted stakeholder as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of any emergency or incident that has the potential to impact on environmental values or breaches any condition of this environmental authority concerning releases of contaminants to the environment.
- A7 The notification in condition A6 must include the following:
- (a) the location of the emergency or incident;
 - (b) the date and time of the emergency or incident;
 - (c) the estimated quantity and type of any substances involved in the emergency or incident;
 - (d) the potential impacts to environmental values caused by the emergency or incident; and
 - (e) where there is potential impact on livestock or human health, precautionary measures that should be taken.
- A8 Except where specified otherwise in another condition of this environmental authority, all monitoring records or reports required by this environmental authority must be kept for a period of not less than 5 years.

- B1 When requested by the administering authority or as a result of a complaint (which is neither frivolous nor vexatious nor based on mistaken belief in the opinion of the authorised officer), dust and particulate monitoring must be undertaken, and the results thereof notified to the administering authority within fourteen (14) days following completion of monitoring. Monitoring must be carried out at a place(s) relevant to the potentially affected dust sensitive place. Dust and particulate matter must not exceed the following levels when measured at any sensitive receptor or commercial place:
- (a) dust deposition of 120 milligrams per square metre per day, when monitored in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3580.10.1 of 2003 (or more recent editions); and
 - (b) a concentration of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 micrometre (μm) (PM10) suspended in the atmosphere of 50 micrograms per cubic metre over a 24 hour averaging period, at a sensitive receptor or commercial place downwind of the site, when monitored in accordance with:
 - (i) Australian Standard AS 3580.9.6 of 2003 (or more recent editions) Ambient air – Particulate matter – Determination of suspended particulate PM10 high-volume sampler with size-selective inlet – Gravimetric method; or
 - (ii) Any alternative method of monitoring PM10 which may be permitted by the current editions of the Air Quality Sampling Manual as published from time to time by the administering authority.
- B2 If monitoring indicates exceedance of the relevant limits in condition B1, then the environmental authority holder must:
- (a) address the complaint including the use of appropriate dispute resolution if required; and
 - (b) immediately implement dust abatement measures so that emissions of dust from the activity do not result in further environmental nuisance.
- C1 Contaminants must not be released to any waters or the bed and banks of any waters.
- E1 The environmental authority holder must not carry out activities in a Category A or Category B Environmentally Sensitive Area.

- E3 Campsites must not be established in Category A Environmentally Sensitive Areas or within 1 kilometre of any Category A Environmentally Sensitive Area.

- E4 Burning of vegetation is not permitted.

- E5 Clearing native vegetation or interfering with animal breeding places is not permitted unless authorised under the Nature Conservation Act 1992.

- E6 Where topsoil is removed, it must be stockpiled for re-spreading at the completion of use.

- E7 The construction of any new tracks must be recorded with a Global Positioning System (GPS) in GDA94 coordinate system and records kept of their location and made available to the administering authority upon request.

- E8 The environmental authority holder is authorised to undertake rehabilitation work within Category A Environmentally Sensitive Areas as per the rehabilitation requirements of this environmental authority.

- E9 The environmental authority holder must revegetate disturbed areas within 1 kilometre of any Category A Environmentally Sensitive Area and within 500 meters of any Category B Environmentally Sensitive Area with plant species that will promote the same vegetation type and density of cover to that of the surrounding undisturbed areas.

- E10 An annual report must be prepared each year and submitted with each annual return. The report must include a map and details of all exploration activities undertaken, including details of new tracks, monitoring bores and progressive rehabilitation works completed to demonstrate compliance with standard condition B25 in the Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects - Version 2 (ESR/20161985), and condition E9.

- F1 General waste must not be disposed of within MDL505.

F2 Regulated waste must not be disposed of within MDL505.

Condition

Acoustic

RSN001 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not cause unreasonable noise at a noise sensitive place.

Note - To prevent causing unreasonable noise at a noise sensitive place the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- construct and maintain noise barriers and enclosures around noisy equipment or along the noise transmission path;
- implement noise reduction measures at noise sensitive places;
- provide and maintain low noise equipment;
- carry out routine maintenance on fans to minimise bearing noise;
- repair or replace defective mufflers of vehicles and plant with suitable effective mufflers; and
- limit the hours of operation of the project to between the hours of 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.

Note - If aircraft are being used for mining activities operate them so as to minimise disturbance to livestock (e.g. helicopters).

Condition

Air

RSA001 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not cause an unreasonable release of dust.

Note - To prevent the unreasonable release of dust, the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- altering work practices to avoid or minimise the generation of dust;
- scheduling activities for times when they will have least impact;
- spraying water on roads and tracks;
- revegetating disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- leaving or creating wind breaks or screening; and
- installing pollution control equipment (e.g. fitting bag filters or a cyclone to dust generating equipment).

Condition

Land

RSL064 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation is minimised. Not more than 1000m squared can be disturbed at any one location, excluding campsites.

Note - To minimise the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- (a) avoid disturbing large and/or mature trees;
- (b) select specific trees to be cleared and avoid causing damage to surrounding vegetation;
- (c) where practical leave the rootstock intact to promote regeneration and regrowth.

Note - Before carrying out activities on the tenement refer to the Technical Guideline 'Good Relations with Landowners' and the Department of Mines and Energy Code of Conduct, 'Procedure for Sound Landholder/Explorer Relations'.

RSL065 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that topsoil is removed and stockpiled prior to carrying out any mining activity. Prevent or minimise the mixing and erosion of topsoil and overburden stockpiles.

Note - To separate topsoil and overburden and to prevent or minimise the erosion of these stockpiles the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- identify topsoil and overburden layers before stripping topsoil;
- store topsoil and overburden in separate stockpiles;
- install silt fences or bunding around the stockpiles;
- where practical reuse topsoil stockpiles within 12 months;
- establish and maintain a temporary cover crop on stockpiles; and
- limit the height of topsoil stockpiles to 2 metres.

RSL066 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must prevent the spread of Declared Plants by ensuring that all vehicles and machinery are adequately cleaned before taking the vehicles and machinery out of a Declared Plant Area.

Note - Every precaution should be taken to ensure there is no dispersal of Parthenium weed or the seed of any other declared plant within the meaning of the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 as a result of mining activities or as a result of access to the area of the mining tenement.

Note - The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries provided Pest Fact sheets for declared plants in Queensland as well as clean down procedures for vehicles and machinery working in declared plant areas. For advice on declared plant areas contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries or your Local Government.

RSL067 (S) 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 or within 500m of category B environmentally sensitive area. Prior to carrying out activities in a category C environmentally sensitive area, consult with the relevant administering authority and the Environmental Protection Agency. If it is determined through the consultation that additional conditions are necessary, the holder must comply with those conditions.

Note - Refer to RA002 - Environmentally sensitive areas.

RSL068 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must consult with the landowner prior to establishing any new roads and tracks.

Note - Refer to the Technical Guidelines in RA005 when planning and constructing all new roads and tracks.

Note - Repair all damage to existing private roads and tracks resulting from mining activities, so that they are as trafficable as they were prior to any damage.

RSL069 (S) When constructing new roads and tracks, the holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land, vegetation and watercourses is minimised.

Note - When planning and constructing new roads and tracks the following measures or similar measures can be used to minimise the area and duration of disturbance of land, vegetation and watercourses:

- wherever possible use or upgrade existing roads and tracks;
- construct roads and tracks along natural grades;
- minimise the width of roads and tracks;
- minimise the number of crossings in riverine areas;
- construct crossings in riverine areas in a stable section of the bed;
- avoid constructing roads or tracks that run straight down the bank to the crossing;
- do not disadvantage other users of existing public roads & tracks;
- construct a bed level causeway, a culvert or a bridge where natural bed conditions within a watercourse will not carry the intended traffic load or where crossing of the bed will generate a significant increase in turbidity;
- minimise the number of cuts and fills in riverine areas;
- position cuts and fills in riverine areas to minimise risk of erosion from subsequent flood events;
- position crossings to prevent flow being directed towards the banks and provide erosion resistance to the bed and banks downstream of a crossing for a distance equal to the width of the normal flow channel;
- do not create any downstream or upstream drops at the lip of culverts or causeways;

- regularly clean out culverts, bridges and causeways to prevent flow being impeded or redirected; and
- construct in-stream crossings outside of main fish migration periods.

RSL070 (S) In Riverine Areas, the holder of the environmental authority must complete the Rehabilitation Processes on all areas disturbed by mining activities, apart from those areas currently being utilised for mining activities, as soon as practical and prior to the onset of the wet season.

Note - Condition RSL070 is to ensure that there is adequate erosion protection in riverine areas prior to the onset of the wet season. In Queensland the wet season is generally considered to be from November to April each year.

RSL071 (S) For all other areas on the mining tenement, the holder of the environmental authority must complete the rehabilitation processes on all areas disturbed by mining activities, apart from those areas currently being utilised for mining activities, as soon as practical and at least within six months of the completion of works in those areas.

Note - Where practical undertake progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

RSL072 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must backfill all excavations, drill holes or sampling sites as soon as practical following the completion of exploration activities.

RSL073 (S) Condition RSL072 does not apply to any excavations, drill holes or sampling sites that are to remain after the completion of exploration activities, by agreement with the land owner.

RSL074 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must rehabilitate areas disturbed by mining activities to a stable landform similar to that of surrounding undisturbed areas.

Note - When rehabilitating disturbed areas refer to the "Technical Guidelines RA005 for the Environmental Management of Mining and Exploration in Queensland", Part D, 'Geo-technical Slope Stability'.

RSL075 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must spread seeds or plant species that will promote vegetation of a similar species and density of cover to that of the surrounding undisturbed areas or vegetation that is appropriate for providing erosion control and stabilisation of the disturbed areas.

Note - To revegetate disturbed areas the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- for areas which have become compacted during the project, break up the soil surface to a depth that is suitable for establishing vegetation; and
- spread stockpiled topsoil over disturbed areas to a depth that is suitable as a rooting medium for the revegetation process; and
- provide suitable nutrient conditions for planting by using fertiliser if necessary; and
- collect and store native seeds to be used in rehabilitation.

Note - When revegetating disturbed areas, the holder of the environmental authority should plant native species endemic to the area and location in the landscape (e.g. if clearing has occurred in a riverine area, revegetate the disturbed area using local riverine species).

Note - Vegetation used to provide erosion protection and stabilise disturbed areas in the short term should be comprised of sterile, short-lived species (e.g. a cover crop). However, the long term aim of revegetating any disturbed area is to establish a stable vegetation community that is similar to that of the surrounding undisturbed areas or endemic species.

Note - The environmental authority holder is not liable for rehabilitating disturbed areas that existed prior to the grant of the tenure unless those areas are disturbed during the term of the tenure.

RSL076 (S) For any Mine Infrastructure to remain after all mining activities have ceased, the holder of the environmental authority must obtain the written agreement of the land owner stating they will take over responsibility for that infrastructure.

RSL077 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must complete rehabilitation of disturbed areas to the satisfaction of the administrating authority.

Note - Condition RSL077 is a requirement of the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The environmental authority holder must submit a Final Rehabilitation Report (FRR) and a compliance statement prior to the cancellation or expiry of the mining tenement. The surrender of the environmental authority will not be granted until the administrating authority has accepted the FRR and the compliance statement.

RSL080 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must, where practical, separate acid producing waste rock from benign waste rock.

RSL081 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must dispose of acid producing waste rock in an excavation or pit and backfill as soon as practical. Backfill the excavation or pit containing acid producing waste rock with benign, low permeability material and seal the excavation or pit with a compacted capping layer at least 1m thick.

Note - The owner or occupier of a mining lease must notify the administering authority if they become aware that a Notifiable Activity listed in Schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, is being carried out on the land within 30 days, by giving notice to the administering authority in the approved form. For example, an exploration or mineral development project that generates waste materials that contain hazardous contaminants must notify the administering authority that this activity is being carried out. Refer to section 371 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Note - For detailed information on the management of acid mine waste material refer to RA005 "Technical Guidelines for the Environmental Management of Exploration and Mining in Queensland", Part B, 'Assessment and Management of Acid Drainage' and the 'Guidelines for Sampling and Analysis of Lowland Acid Sulfate Soils (ASS) in Queensland'.

Condition

Social

RSS001 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not carry out activities within 100m of a Historical, Archaeological or Ethnographic site.

Note- Refer to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register established under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and the Queensland Heritage Act 1992. Prior to carrying out any activities on the mining tenement, the holder of the environmental authority should consult with the administering authority if a site has the potential to be designated as a historical, archaeological or ethnographic site.

RSS002 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must consult with the landowner prior to establishing any campsites.

RSS003 (S) When establishing a campsite, the holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land, vegetation and watercourses is minimised.

Note - When establishing and maintaining campsites the following measures or similar measures can be used to minimise the area and duration of disturbance to land, vegetation and watercourses:

- locate campsites at least 100m from any riverine areas;
- only disturb the minimum area necessary for the safe functioning of the campsite;
- install an appropriate human waste disposal facility (e.g. portable self-contained toilets, pit toilets, septic tanks);
- use absorption trenches, transpiration beds or spray irrigation to dispose of grey water; and
- locate all disposal areas at least 100m distance from any watercourse, waterway, groundwater recharge area, wetland or lake.

Note - With regard to on site waste water management refer to the Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2008.

RSS004 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must record and notify the administering authority of any emergency or incident which demonstrates non-compliance with the standard environmental conditions.

Note - A notification of any emergency or incident which demonstrates non-compliance to the standard environmental conditions cannot be used in evidence in any further action taken by the administering authority as a result of the notification.

Note - To demonstrate ongoing compliance with the standard environmental conditions, the holder complete Form 1 in RA003, 'Monitoring and Record Keeping Summary' and establish programs to monitor project activities and maintain monitoring records for review by the administering authority.

Note - To demonstrate compliance complete Form 2, 'Emergency Response Table' in RA003. Provide and maintain appropriate emergency response equipment and inform all operational personnel, contractors and visitors of emergency procedures

Note - Observe the provisions and regulations under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 and the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999.

Condition

Water

RSG005 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not directly or indirectly release waste from the project area to any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake.

Note - When managing waste materials the following strategy should be adopted:

- avoid creating excess waste;
- reuse waste materials;
- recycle waste;
- create and utilise energy from waste;
- treat waste; and
- dispose of waste (e.g. provide rubbish containers on site).

Note - Where practicable take all General Waste to a Licensed General Waste Disposal Facility.

RSW001 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must design, install and maintain adequate banks and/or diversion drains to minimise the potential for storm water runoff to enter disturbed areas.

RSW002 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must design, install and maintain adequate erosion and sediment control structures wherever necessary to prevent or minimise erosion of disturbed areas and the sedimentation of any watercourse, waterway, wetland or lake.

Note - When designing and constructing sediment ponds refer to the "Engineering Guidelines for Queensland Construction Sites" Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.

Note - Regularly clean out sediment traps, ponds and drains and maintain them in effective working order, until erosion stability has been achieved in disturbed areas.

Note - The capacity of sediment traps, ponds, drains and banks should not be reduced below 70% of their design capacity.

RSW003 (S) The holder of the environmental authority must not directly or indirectly release wastewater to any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake.

Note - To prevent the direct or indirect release of waste water to any watercourse, waterway or groundwater, wetland or lake the following measures or similar measures can be used:

- where practical recycle all waste water (e.g. recycle waste water for drilling water);
- use waste water for dust suppression;
- discharge waste water onto benign overburden or waste rock heaps for absorption; and
- discharge wastewater to an evaporation pond.

Note - With regard to the on site management of water refer to the Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2008.

Definition

PD036 Environmental nuisance (as defined in Section 15 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*) means- 'unreasonable interference or likely interference with an environmental value' caused by:
(a) aerosols, fumes, light, noise, odour, particles or smoke
(b) an unhealthy, offensive or unsightly condition because of contamination
(c) another way prescribed by regulation.

RD008 Administering authority means:
(a) for a matter, the administration and enforcement of which has been devolved to a local government under section 514 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994-the local government; or

- (b) for all other matters-the Chief Executive of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection; or
- (c) another State Government Department, Authority, Storage Operator, Board or Trust, whose role is to administer provisions under other enacted legislation.

- RD107 Environmental relevant activity means an activity prescribed by regulation as an environmental relevant activity.
- RD110 Environmentally sensitive areas refers to locations, however large or small, that have environmental values that contribute to maintaining biological diversity and integrity, have intrinsic or attributed scientific, historical or cultural heritage value, or are important in providing amenity, harmony or sense of community. Refer to Appendix 3.
- RD120 Financial assurance means a security deposit, either cash or a bank guarantee, that is held by the administering authority to cover the potential:
- (a) costs to rehabilitate areas disturbed by mining activities; and
 - (b) costs to restore property improvements disturbed by mining activities; and
 - (c) failure of the tenure holder to pay rents and royalties.
- RD145 Infrastructure means project infrastructure and includes roads, tracks, bridges, culverts, dams, bores, buildings, fixed machinery, hardstand areas, pipelines, powerlines, airstrips, helipads etc., which are constructed or installed specifically for the project.
- RD150 Lake means a natural or artificial body of water, either permanent or intermittent.
- RD246 Significantly disturbed land means land that:
- (a) is contaminated land; or
 - (b) has been disturbed and human intervention is needed to rehabilitate it.
- Significantly disturbed land includes:
- (a) areas where soil has been compacted, removed, covered, exposed or stockpiled;
 - (b) areas where vegetation has been removed or destroyed to an extent where the land has been made susceptible to erosion; (vegetation & topsoil)
 - (c) areas where land use suitability or capability has been diminished;
 - (d) areas within a watercourse, waterway, wetland or lake where mining project activities occur;
 - (e) areas submerged by tailings or hazardous contaminant storage and dam walls in all cases;

- (f) areas under temporary infrastructure. Temporary infrastructure includes any infrastructure (roads, tracks, bridges, culverts, dams, bores, buildings, fixed machinery, hardstand areas, airstrips, helipads etc.) which is to be removed after mining has ceased; or
- (g) areas where land has been contaminated.

However, the following areas are not included:

- (a) areas off lease (e.g. roads or tracks which provide access to the mining lease);
- (b) areas previously significantly disturbed which have achieved the rehabilitation outcomes;
- (c) by agreement with the EPA, areas previously significantly disturbed which have not achieved the rehabilitation objectives due to circumstances beyond the control of the mine operator (such as climatic conditions);
- (d) areas under permanent infrastructure. Permanent infrastructure includes any infrastructure (roads, tracks, bridges, culverts, dams, bores, buildings, fixed machinery, hardstand areas, airstrips, helipads etc.) which is to be left by agreement with the landowner. The agreement to leave permanent infrastructure must be recorded in the Landowner Agreement and lodged with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection;
- (e) disturbances that pre-existed the grant of the tenure unless those areas are disturbed during the term of the tenure.

RD280 Topsoil refers to the surface layer of a soil profile, which is usually more fertile, darker in colour, better structured and supports greater biological activity than underlying layers. The surface layer may vary in depth depending on soil forming factors, including parent material, location and slope, but generally is not greater than about 300mm in depth from natural surface.

RD296 Watercourse means a river, creek or stream in which water flows permanently or intermittently in a visibly defined channel (natural, artificial or artificially improved) with clear bed and banks and evidence of biological dependence.

RD310 Wetland refers to an area of permanent or periodic/intermittent inundation, whether natural or artificial, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed 6m. Wetlands typically include areas such as lakes, swamps, marshes, estuaries or mudflats.

RD315 Annual exceedence probability (AEP) refers to the probability that a given rainfall event will be exceeded within a one year period. The AEP is usually expressed as a one in 'n' (years) or a percentage.

- RD316 Approved form means a form approved by the administering authority.
- RD317 Archaeological site refers to a site that has physical evidence of the past, which has the potential to increase our knowledge of earlier human occupation, activities and events.
- RD318 Artesian drill hole refers to an exploration drill hole from which water freely flows at a rate of greater than 500 L/hour for at least 7 days after being drilled.
- RD319 Banks means the feature which confines major flows within a watercourse. They are steeper than a terrace and are generally of a slope greater than 1:1 on outer bends. Refer to RA004 Figure 1 - Cross Section through a Watercourse.
- RD321 Bund means:
(a) an earth mound or similar structure (e.g. a concrete block wall), whether impervious or not, constructed to contain spilled material (e.g. petrol, diesel, oil etc.); or
(b) a structure to prevent or reduce soil erosion.
- RD322 Campsite refers to the area encompassing any dwelling, amenities (e.g. toilet block, power generator), sewage or general waste disposal facility and includes the office area and vehicle parking areas associated with a temporary or permanent mining camp.
- RD324 Contaminant is defined in section 11 of The Environmental Protection Act 1994 as:
(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.
- RD325 Contamination is defined in section 10 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines contamination of the environment is the release (whether by act or omission) of a contaminant into the environment.

- RD326 Contaminated land is defined in schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines contaminated land as land contaminated by a hazardous contaminant. (See definition for hazardous contaminant.)
- RD327 Contaminated land register means the register kept by the administering authority under section 541 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- RD328 Contour banks refer to mounds of earth constructed along the contours of the land to reduce the amount and velocity of run-off down the slope.
- RD329 Costeaning means the digging of a trench or pit across the seam or ore body for exposing, sampling and mapping of the ore body.
- RD330 Culvert refers to a covered channel or a pipe of large diameter conveying water below ground level. Also applies to a tunnel through which water is pumped or permitted to flow.
- RD332 Declared plant means a plant that has been declared under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002.
- RD333 Density of cover (in reference to trees and/or shrubs) means the number of trees or shrubs in a specified area (e.g. 50 trees per square kilometre). With reference to understorey plant species (e.g. grasses and forbs), it means the percentage of surface area covered by a particular species.
- RD334 Designated service area refers to a nominated site, selected and managed to minimise contamination of land or water, where the majority of services or maintenance of machinery or plant is to be conducted.
- RD336 Disturbed means any area that has had its natural state altered by the action or interference of carrying out an activity associated with the exploration project.
- RD337 Environment is defined in section 8 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines the environment as:
- (a) ecosystems and their constituent parts, including people and communities; and
 - (b) all natural and physical resources; and

- (c) the qualities and characteristics of locations, places and areas, however large or small, that contribute to their biological diversity and integrity, intrinsic or attributed scientific value or interest, amenity, harmony and sense of community; and
- (d) the social, economic, aesthetic and cultural conditions that affect, or are affected by, things mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).

- RD338 Environmental authority means a licence or approval issued by the administering authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- RD339 Environmental management register means the register kept by the administering authority under section 541 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- RD340 Environmental protection policy means an environmental protection policy approved under chapter 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- RD341 Environmental value is defined in section 9 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines an environmental value as:
- (a) a quality or physical characteristic of the environment that is conducive to ecological health or public amenity or safety; or
 - (b) another quality of the environment identified and declared to be an environmental value under an environmental protection policy or regulation (e.g. water suitable for swimming in or drinking).
- RD342 Ethnographic site means an archaeological site of particular importance to the study of a cultural group.
- RD344 Final rehabilitation report means a final rehabilitation report prepared under section 264 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The report assesses the extent to which the standard environmental conditions and any additional conditions of the environmental authority have been met.
- RD345 Flood flow channel is represented in RA004, Figure 1- 'Cross Section Through a Watercourse' and Figure 2 - 'Plan View of a Watercourse'.
- RD346 General waste is defined in schedule 12 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008, and defines general waste as "means waste other than regulated waste". Waste rock, overburden and the contents of tailings dams are not included in the definition of general waste for the purposes of these conditions.

- RD347 Guidelines for livestock drinking water refers to the recommended water quality guidelines for livestock drinking water. Refer to the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality 1992.
- RD349 Hazardous contaminant is defined in schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines a hazardous contaminant as "a contaminant that, if improperly treated, stored, disposed of or otherwise managed, is likely to cause serious or material environmental harm because of:
- (a) its quantity, concentration, acute or chronic toxic effects, carcinogenicity, teratogenicity, mutagenicity, corrosiveness, explosiveness, radioactivity, flammability; or
 - (b) its physical, chemical or infectious characteristics (e.g.: spills of mercury, cyanide, petrol, diesel or oil)".
- RD350 Historical site refers to a site containing objects from the past that allows the study of the way people lived and worked at that place in the past.
- RD351 Landowner is defined in schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines the owner of the land as -
- (a) The "owner" of land is-
 - (i) for freehold land-the person recorded in the freehold land register as the person entitled to the fee simple interest in the land; or
 - (ii) for land held under a lease, licence or permit under an Act-the person who holds the lease, licence or permit; or
 - (iii) for trust land under the Land Act 1994-the trustees of the land; or
 - (iv) for Aboriginal land under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991-the persons to whom the land has been transferred or granted; or
 - (v) for Torres Strait Islander land under the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991-the persons to whom the land has been transferred or granted; or
 - (vi) for land for which there is a native title holder under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) -each registered native title party in relation to the land.
 - (b) Also, a mortgagee of land is the owner of the land if-
 - (i) the mortgagee is acting as a mortgagee in possession of the land and has the exclusive management and control of the land; or
 - (ii) the mortgagee, or a person appointed by the mortgagee, is in possession of the land and has the exclusive management and control of the land.

- RD352 Licensed general waste disposal facility refers to a site authorised by the administering authority to receive general waste or limited regulated waste (e.g. a rubbish dump).
- RD353 Limited regulated waste is defined in schedule 12 of the Environmental Protection Regulation. The only limited regulated wastes relevant to mining projects are asbestos and tyres.
- RD354 Material environmental harm is defined in section 16 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, and defines material environmental harm as:
- (a) material environmental harm is environmental harm (other than environmental nuisance)-
 - (i) that is not trivial or negligible in nature, extent or context; or
 - (ii) that causes actual or potential loss or damage to property of an amount of, or amounts totalling, more than the threshold amount but less than the maximum amount; or
 - (iii) that results in costs of more than the threshold amount but less than the maximum amount being incurred in taking appropriate action to -
 - 1. prevent or minimise the harm; and
 - 2. rehabilitate or restore the environment to its condition before the harm.
- In this section -
- "maximum amount" means the threshold amount for serious environmental harm.
 - "threshold amount" means \$5 000 or, if a greater amount is prescribed by regulation, the greater amount.
- RD355 Mine is defined in section 6A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989, and defines mining as –
- (a) "Mine" means to carry on an operation with a view to, or for the purpose of -
 - (i) winning mineral from a place where it occurs; or
 - (ii) extracting mineral from its natural state; or
 - (iii) disposing of mineral in connection with, or waste substances resulting from, the winning or extraction.
 - (b) For subsection (a), extracting includes the physical, chemical, electrical, magnetic or other way of separation of a mineral.
 - (c) Extracting includes, for example, crushing, grinding, concentrating, screening, washing, jigging, tabling, electro winning, solvent extraction electro winning (SX-EW), heap leaching, flotation, fluidised bedding, carbon-in-leach (CIL) and carbon-in-pulp (CIP) processing.
 - (d) However, extracting does not include –

- (i) a process in a smelter, refinery or anywhere else by which mineral is changed to another substance; or
- (ii) testing or assaying small quantities of mineral in teaching institutions or laboratories, other than laboratories situated on a mining lease; or
- (iii) an activity, prescribed under a regulation, that is not directly associated with winning mineral from a place where it occurs.

(e) For subsection (a), includes the disposal of tailings and waste rock.

A regulation under subsection (d)(iii) may prescribe an activity by reference to the quantities of minerals extracted or to any other specified circumstances.

RD359 Native vegetation refers to vegetation that occurs naturally in a certain area.

RD360 Noise sensitive place means any of the following places -

- (a) a dwelling;
- (b) a library, childcare centre, kindergarten, school, college, university or other educational institution;
- (c) a hospital, surgery or other medical institution;
- (d) a protected area or an area identified under a conservation plan as a critical habitat or an area of major interest, under the Nature Conservation Act 1992;
- (e) a marine park under the Marine Parks Act 2004; and
- (f) a park or garden that is open to the public (whether or not on payment of money) for use other than for sport or organised entertainment).

RD361 Normal flow channel is represented in RA004, Figure 1 - 'Cross Section Through a Watercourse' and Figure 2 - 'Plan View of a Watercourse'.

RD362 Notifiable activity means an activity in schedule 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

RD364 Outer bends refer to an outer bend of a watercourse as shown in RA004, Figure 1 - "Cross Section Through a Watercourse" and Figure 2 - "Plan View of a Watercourse".

RD365 Overburden refers to material overlying a mineral ore deposit, up to but not including the topsoil.

- RD368 Referable dam is defined in The Water Resources Act 1989, and defines referable dams as -
- (a) works or proposed works that include or would include a barrier whether permanent or temporary that does or could or would impound, divert or control water, which barrier-
 - (i) is more than 8 m in height and has a storage capacity of more than 500 ML; or
 - (ii) is more than 8 m in height and has a storage capacity of more than 250 ML and a catchment area that is more than 3 times its maximum surface area or full supply level;
 - (b) works -
 - (i) that consist of or include or would consist of or include a barrier whether permanent or temporary that does or could or would impound, divert or control water or hazardous waste, other than a barrier defined in paragraph (a);
 - (ii) other than a barrier whether permanent or temporary that does or could or would impound, contain, divert or control hazardous waste; declared by the chief executive by notification published in the gazette to be a referable dam by reason of the danger to life or property that could or would eventuate upon the collapse or failure of or the escape of hazardous waste from those works and includes the storage areas created by the works but does not include a tank constructed of steel or concrete or a combination of those materials.
- The term does not include a weir, other than a weir that has a variable flow control structure on the crest of the weir.

- RD369 Regulated waste is defined in section 65 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008, and defines mining as -
- (a) Regulated waste is waste that-
 - (i) is commercial or industrial waste, whether or not it has been immobilised or treated; and
 - (ii) is of a type, or contains a constituent of a type, mentioned in schedule 7, part 1.
 - (b) Waste prescribed under subsection (a) includes-
 - (i) for an element-any chemical compound containing the element; and
 - (ii) anything that contains residues of the waste.
 - (c) However, waste is not regulated waste if it is mentioned in schedule 7, part 2.

- RD370 Rehabilitation processes means the measures and actions taken to achieve rehabilitation outcomes, including any or all of the following:
- (a) removing all unwanted infrastructure;
 - (b) backfilling mine excavations (e.g. pits) and capping drill holes;

- (c) reshaping the land surface to a stable landform similar to that of surrounding undisturbed areas;
- (d) spreading of topsoil;
- (e) spreading seed or planting seedlings to promote revegetation;
- (f) benching ridge cuts and removing any overhanging material.

RD371 Riverine area refers to the land adjoining and associated with watercourses, including the bed, banks, adjoining terraced land and riparian vegetation. Refer to RA004, Figure 1 "Cross Section Through a Watercourse".

RD373 Sediment pond means a bunded or excavated structure used to contain and settle waterborne sediment running off disturbed areas.

RD374 Sediment trap means a device used to filter waterborne sediment running off disturbed areas. May include silt fences, hay bales or grassed strips.

RD375 Waterway means a naturally occurring feature where surface water runoff normally collects, such as a clearly defined swale or gully, but only flows in response to a local rainfall event.

RD376 The Environmental Protection Act 1994 defines a suitability statement as: for land, means a statement about the uses and activities for which the land is suitable.

RD377 Site management plan refers to a site management plan approved under Chapter 7, part 8 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

RD378 Technical guidelines means guidelines that indicate best practice environmental management.

RD380 Standard environmental conditions for an environmental authority, means the standard environmental conditions approved for the authority under Chapter 5A Part 1 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

RD381 Unreasonable noise is defined in section 18 of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 1997 as noise that:

- (a) causes unlawful environmental harm; and
- (b) is unreasonable, having regard to the following matters:

- (i) its characteristics;
- (ii) its intrusiveness;
- (iii) the time at which it is made;
- (iv) where it can be heard;
- (v) other noises ordinarily present at the place where it can be heard;
- and
- (c) is not declared to be reasonable in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 1997 'Reasonable Noise Levels'.

RD385 Standard Criteria are defined in Schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994. They are:

- (a) the following principles of environmental policy as set out in the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment:
 - (i) the precautionary principle;
 - (ii) intergenerational equity;
 - (iii) conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity; and
- (b) any applicable Commonwealth or State government plans, standards, agreements or requirements about environmental protection or ecologically sustainable development; and
- (c) any applicable environmental impact study, assessment or report; and
- (d) the character, resilience and values of the receiving environment; and
- (e) all submissions made by the applicant and submitters; and
- (f) best practice environmental management for activities under any relevant instrument, or proposed instrument, as follows:
 - (i) an environmental authority;
 - (ii) a transitional environmental program;
 - (iii) an environmental protection order;
 - (iv) a disposal permit;
 - (v) a development approval; and
- (g) the financial implications of the requirements under an instrument, or proposed instrument, mentioned in paragraph (g) as they would relate to the type of activity or industry carried out, or proposed to be carried out, under the instrument; and
- (h) the public interest; and
- (i) any applicable site management plan; and
- (j) any relevant integrated environmental management system or proposed integrated environmental management system; and
- (k) any other matter prescribed under a regulation.

RD386 Unreasonable release of a contaminant to the air environment means a release of odours, dust, smoke or other atmospheric contaminants, that:

- (a) cause unlawful environmental harm; and
- (b) is unreasonable having regard to the following matters:
 - (i) its characteristic;

- (ii) its intrusiveness;
- (iii) other releases of contaminants at the place affected by the release;
- (iv) where the effect of the release of the contaminants can be noticed; or
- (v) the order in which the person releasing the contaminant started to carry out the activity from which the release is made and persons affected by the release started to carry out other activities that may be affected by the release of the contaminant.

RD387 Section 17 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 defines serious environmental harm as:

- (a) serious environmental harm (other than environmental nuisance)
 - (i) that is irreversible, of a high impact or widespread; or
 - (ii) caused to:
 - (1) an area of high conservation value;
 - (2) an area of special significance, such as the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area;
 - (iii) that causes actual or potential loss or damage to property of an amount of, or amounts totalling, more than the threshold amount; or
 - (iv) that results in costs of more than the threshold amount being incurred in taking appropriate action to:
 - (1) prevent or minimise the harm; and
 - (2) rehabilitate or restore the environment to its condition before the harm.
- (b) In this section - "Threshold amount" means \$50 000 or, if a greater amount is prescribed by regulation, the greater amount.

RD388 Standard mining activity means a mining activity decided to be a standard activity under Section 151 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

RD389 Declared plant area, areas designated by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries or Local Government as areas infested with plants declared under Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002.