

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: EPVX02835215

Environmental authority takes effect on 15 July 2026. Activities under this environmental authority may not be undertaken on EPC29578 until the tenure is granted.

An annual return will be due each year on 1 April.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
Fairhill Coking Coal Pty Ltd	Level 11, 52 Phillip St SYDNEY NSW 2000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Schedule 3 9: a mining activity involving drilling, costeaning, pitting or carrying out geological surveys causing significant disturbance	EPC2177, EPC29578

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 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.

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(1) 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, in accordance with section 200(2) of the EP Act, the day that the EA takes effect may not be before:

- (a) if the authority is for a resource activity—the day the relevant tenure is granted to the applicant; or
- (b) if a development permit for a material change of use of premises under the *Planning Act 2016* is necessary for carrying out an activity that related to the authority—the day the development permit takes effect; or
- (c) if an SDA Approval under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* is necessary for carrying out an activity that relates to the authority—the day the approval takes 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 EA.

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Signature

Alisha Stewart

Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Delegate of the administering authority

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15 July 2026

Date

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Obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

In addition to the requirements found in the conditions of this EA, 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 restore the environment (section 319C)
- 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 EP Act. 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 or 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 Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website at www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/advice.

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, www.dwatsipm.qld.gov.au.

Conditions of environmental authority

With the exception of the variations below, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority are the standard conditions contained within the attached document:

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

Variations to the standard conditions include:

Condition number	Condition
V1	Standard condition A2 of the <i>Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)</i> is replaced by conditions V5 to V8 .
V2	Standard condition A13 of the <i>Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)</i> is replaced by conditions V9 to V20 .
V3	Standard condition B6 of the <i>Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)</i> is replaced by condition V21 .
V4	This environmental authority does not authorise environmental harm unless a condition contained within the authority explicitly authorises that harm. Where there is no condition or the authority is silent on a matter, the lack of a condition or silence shall not be construed as authorising harm.
V5	If there is any inconsistency between a standard environmental condition and an additional condition in this environmental authority, the additional condition prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.
V6	Land disturbance Excluding campsites and one costean in accordance with condition V7 , the holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the total area of land disturbed within any since disturbance location does not exceed 1,000m ² at any time.
V7	Costean The one costean with a disturbance area not exceeding 30,000m ² is authorised within the area identified in Appendix 1 Location of proposed costean on EPC2177 .
V8	The environmental authority holder must not carry out activities in a Category A or B Environmentally Sensitive Area. Prior to carrying out mining activities in a Category C Environmentally Sensitive Area, consultation must be held with the relevant administering authority to determine if additional conditions are necessary.
V9	Activities involving machinery must not be carried out within 1km of a Category A environmentally sensitive area.
V10	Activities involving machinery must not be carried out within 500m of Category B environmentally sensitive area on EPC29578.

V11	Exploration Drilling Program – within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas The environmental authority holder is authorised to carry out exploration activities on EPC2177 within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas in accordance with Table V1 Authorised disturbance within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas and illustrated in Appendix 2 Authorised Drill sites within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas (Endangered Regional Ecosystems).
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Table V1 Authorised disturbance within 500m of Category B environmentally sensitive areas

Activity	Limitation of activity within Category B environmentally sensitive area 500m buffer	Maximum footprint of disturbance permitted for each activity within Category B environmentally sensitive area 500m buffer	Maximum disturbance authorised within Category B environmentally sensitive area 500m buffer
Exploration Drill Holes	10	900m ² per drill pad 250mm diameter per drill pad	0.9ha
Access Tracks	2,970m	3m wide per track	0.87ha

V12	Seismic Surveying The environmental authority holder is not authorised to undertake 2D or 3D seismic surveys within 500m of a Category B environmentally sensitive area.
V13	Topsoil stripping within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas must be limited to the sump area. Where topsoil is removed it must be stockpiled for respreading at the completion of use.
V14	The environmental authority holder is authorised to undertake rehabilitation work within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas as per the rehabilitation requirements of this environmental authority.
V15	Burning of vegetation is not permitted.
V16	Road and Tracks — General The environmental authority holder is not authorised to construct any new roads or access tracks within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas.
V17	Campsites Campsites must not be established within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas.
V18	Rehabilitation Rehabilitation of exploration drill holes and access tracks must be undertaken in accordance with requirements of the <i>Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2</i>, and to the satisfaction of the administering authority.
V19	Rehabilitation of disturbance within the 500m buffer zone of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas must be completed as soon as practicable, but no longer than 3 months after completion of the disturbance activity.

V20	Reporting An annual report must be prepared each year and submitted with each annual return. The report must include a map identifying all exploration activities undertaken within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas to date. The map is to clearly distinguish between proposed, completed and rehabilitated mining activities to demonstrate compliance with this environmental authority.
V21	All waste must be removed and disposed of offsite.

END OF CONDITIONS

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.

Authority means environmental authority (resource activities) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Costean means a trench or pit across the seam or ore body for exposing, sampling and mapping the ore body.

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.

Endangered regional ecosystem means a regional ecosystem identified as endangered in the database maintained by the administering authority called 'Regional Ecosystem Description Database' contained regional ecosystem numbers and descriptions.

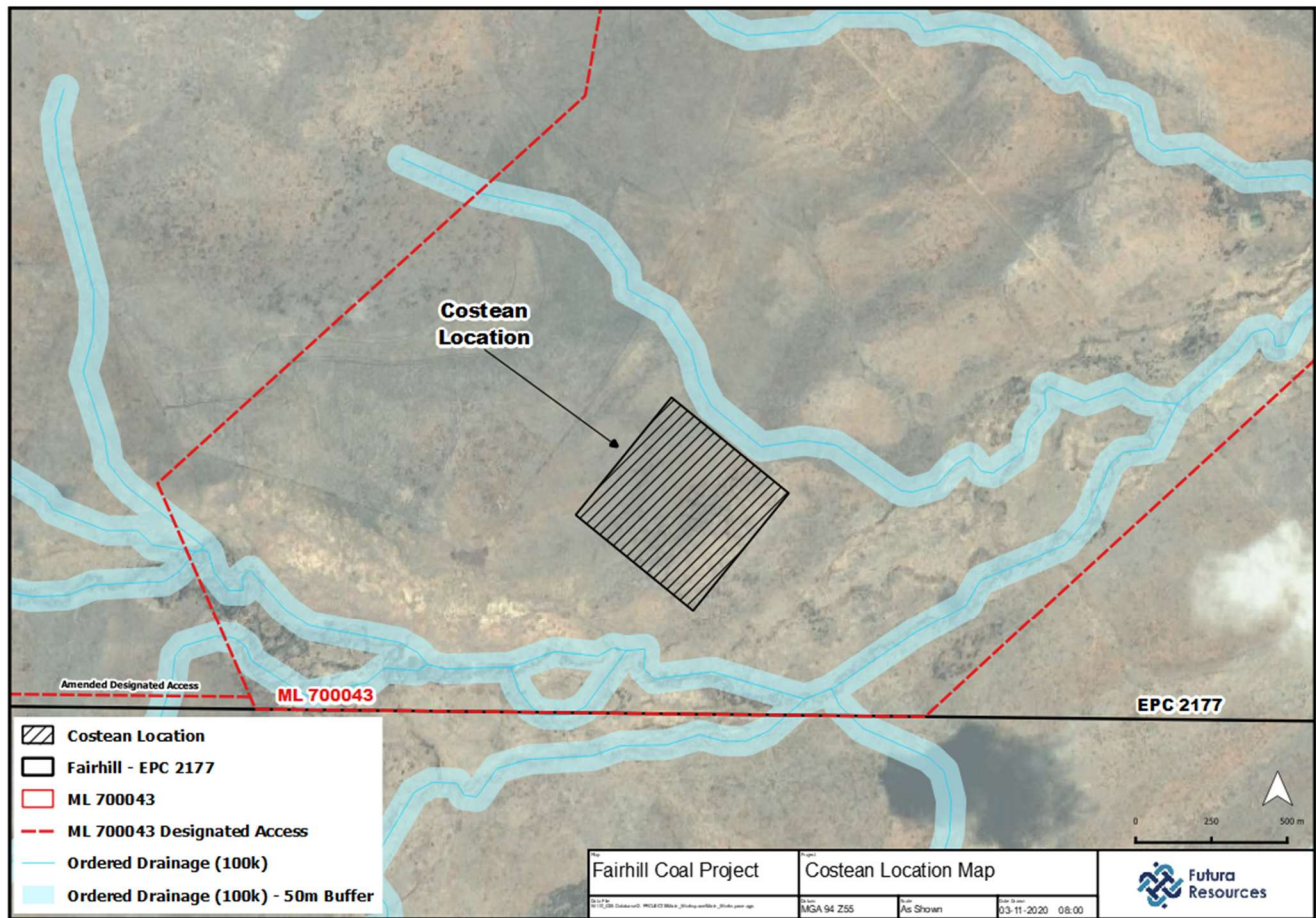
Environmental authority means an environmental authority under Chapter 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Environmental authority holder means the principal holder of this environmental authority.

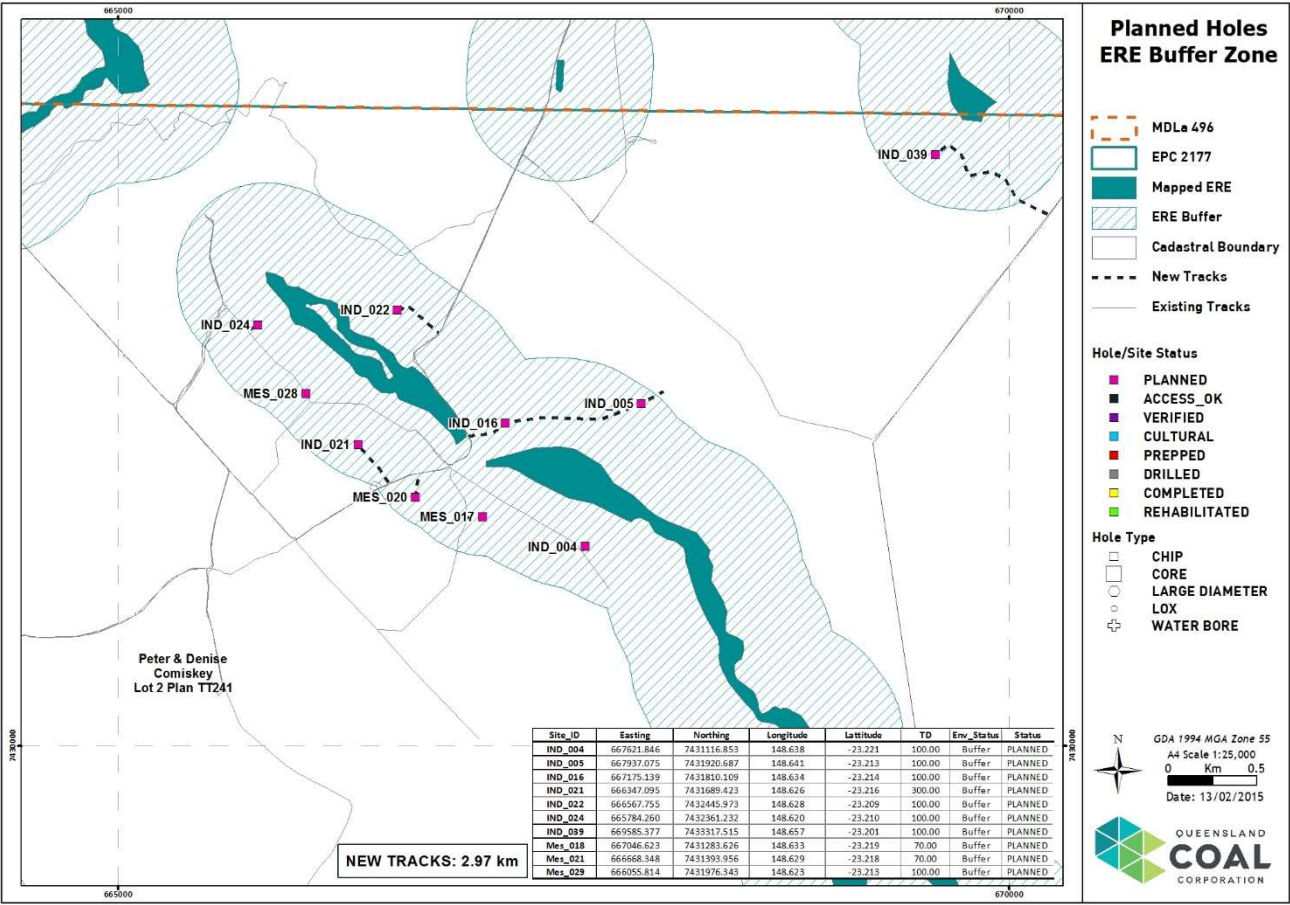
END OF DEFINITIONS

Appendices

Appendix 1 Location of proposed costean on EPC2177



Appendix 2 Authorised Drill sites within 500m of any Category B environmentally sensitive areas (Endangered Regional Ecosystems)



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