

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority P-EA-100119351

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

Environmental authority number: P-EA-100119351

Environmental authority takes effect on 16/09/201.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 16 SEP. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

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

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
ERA 62 - Resource recovery and transfer facility operation - 1(a) - Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing scrap metal, non-putrescible waste or green waste only	Lot 46/SP267943

Additional information for applicants

Environmentally relevant activities

The description of any environmentally relevant activity (ERA) for which an environmental authority (EA) is issued is a restatement of the ERA as defined by legislation at the time the EA is issued. Where there is any inconsistency between that description of an ERA and the conditions stated by an EA as to the scale, intensity or manner of carrying out an ERA, the conditions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

An EA authorises the carrying out of an ERA and does not authorise any environmental harm unless a condition stated by the EA specifically authorises environmental harm.

A person carrying out an ERA must also be a registered suitable operator under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

Contaminated land

It is a requirement of the EP Act that an owner or occupier of contaminated land give written notice to the administering authority if they become aware of the following:

- the happening of an event involving a hazardous contaminant on the contaminated land (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- a change in the condition of the contaminated land (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3) having been carried out, or is being carried out, on the contaminated land (notice must be given within 20 business days)

that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm.

For further information, including the form for giving written notice, refer to the Queensland Government website www.qld.gov.au, using the search term 'duty to notify'.

Take effect

Please note that, in accordance with section 200 of the EP Act, an EA has effect:

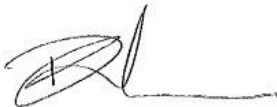
- a) if the authority is for a prescribed ERA and it states that it takes effect on the day nominated by the holder of the authority in a written notice given to the administering authority - on the nominated day; or
- b) if the authority states a day or an event for it to take effect-on the stated day or when the stated event happens; or
- c) otherwise on the day the authority is issued.

However, if the EA is authorising an activity that requires an additional authorisation (a relevant tenure for a resource activity, a development permit under the *Planning Act 2016* or an SDA Approval under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*), this EA will not take effect until the additional authorisation has taken effect.

If this EA takes effect when the additional authorisation takes effect, you must provide the administering authority written notice within 5 business days of receiving notification of the related additional authorisation taking effect.

The anniversary day of this environmental authority is the same day each year as the original take effect date unless you apply to change the anniversary day. 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

8 April 2022

Date

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Privacy statement

Pursuant to section 540 of the EP Act, the Department is required to maintain a register of certain documents and information authorised under the EP Act. A copy of this document will be kept on the public register. The register is available for inspection by members of the public who are able take extracts, or copies of the documents from the register. Documents that are required to be kept on the register are published in their entirety, unless alteration is required by the EP Act. There is no general discretion allowing the Department to withhold documents or information required to be kept on the public register. For more information on the Department's public register, search 'public register' at www.qld.gov.au. For queries about privacy matters please email privacy@des.qld.gov.au or telephone 13 74 68.

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 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 Resources (to clear vegetation), and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (to clear marine plants or to obtain a quarry material allocation).

Conditions of environmental authority

Environmentally relevant activity	Location
ERA 62 Resource recovery and transfer facility operation (1)(a), Operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing scrap metal, non-putrescible waste or green waste only	Lot 46 on Plan SP267943 (428 Kor St, Aurukun, QLD 4892)

The environmentally relevant activity conducted at the locations as described above must be conducted in accordance with the following site-specific conditions of the approval.

Agency interest: General	
Condition number	Condition
G1	All reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to prevent or minimise any environmental harm caused, or likely to be caused by the activities .
G2	Any contravention of a condition of this environmental authority must be reported to the administering authority as soon as practicable, but no more than 24 hours of becoming aware of the contravention.
G3	Within 14 days of providing the notification under condition G2, or a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority , an investigation must be completed into any contravention of a condition of the environmental authority to determine: (a) the potential circumstances and actions that may have contributed to the contravention; and (b) the environmental impact of the contravention; and (c) reasonable measures that could be implemented to address the cause of the contravention to prevent future contraventions of this nature.
G4	Measures identified under condition G3 must be implemented within: (a) 28 days of the investigation required by condition G3 being completed; or (b) a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority.
G5	The following details must be recorded for all contraventions of conditions within the environmental authority: (a) date and time the contravention occurred; and (b) nature and details of the contravention; and (c) investigations carried out in response to the contravention as required by condition G3; and (d) the results of investigations; and (e) measures taken under condition G4.
G6	Other than as permitted by this environmental authority, the release of a contaminant into the environment must not occur.

G7	All records required by the conditions of this environmental authority must be kept for a minimum of five years, and all monitoring results and raw data must be kept until surrender of this environmental authority.
G8	All records required by the conditions of this environmental authority must be provided to the administering authority : (a) within the timeframe specified by the administering authority ; and (b) in the format requested by the administering authority .
G9	An appropriately qualified person(s) must monitor , record and interpret all parameters that are required to be monitored by this environmental authority.
G10	The following details must be recorded for all environmental complaints received: (a) date and time the complaint was received; and (b) if authorised by the person making the complaint, their name and contact details; and (c) nature and details of the complaint; and (d) investigations carried out in response to the complaint as required by condition G11; and (e) the results of investigations; and (f) measures taken under condition G12.
G11	An investigation must be undertaken within 28 days (or a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority) into all complaints received to determine: (a) the potential circumstances and actions on site that may have contributed to the basis of the complaint; and (b) reasonable measures that could be implemented to address the complaint.
G12	Measures identified under condition G11 must be implemented within: (a) 28 days of the investigation required by condition G11 being finalised; or (b) a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority .
G13	When required by the administering authority , monitoring must be undertaken in the manner and within the timeframe prescribed by the administering authority , to investigate any alleged environmental harm caused by the activity .
G14	The results, including an analysis of the results, of monitoring required by condition G13 must be provided to the administering authority : (a) within 10 business days after you receive the monitoring results; or (b) another period with written agreement with the administering authority .
G15	Written procedures must be developed which: (a) identify all potential risks to the environment from the activity , including: (i) during routine operations; and (ii) outside routine operations; and (iii) during closure; and (iv) in an emergency; and (b) identify measures to prevent or minimise the potential for environmental harm for each of the potential risks identified; and

	(c) establish an inspection and maintenance program for plant and equipment including calibration and servicing that is in accordance with manufacturer's instructions; and (d) establish a staff training program on obligations under this environmental authority and the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> to be conducted as part of staff inductions and at least annually thereafter; and (e) establish processes to review environmental risks, incidents, performance and complaints.
G16	Written procedures required by condition G15 must be: (a) implemented; and (b) reviewed at least every two years; and (c) provided to the administering authority upon request and within a timeframe specified by the administering authority.
G17	Plant and equipment necessary to comply with the conditions of this environmental authority must be installed, operated, calibrated and maintained: (a) in a proper and effective manner; and (b) in accordance with the written procedures developed under condition G15 for the plant and equipment.
G18	Waste batteries and all chemicals and fuels in containers of greater than 15 litres must be stored within a secondary containment system.
G19	Activities under this environmental authority must be conducted in accordance with the following limitations: (a) the only waste authorised to be received is intact or partly disassembled automotive equipment; and (b) used batteries taken from automotive equipment must be stored in a spill tray or bunded area under cover.
G20	All analyses required under this environmental authority must be carried out by a laboratory that has National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) certification, or an equivalent certification, for such analyses.
Agency interest: Waste	
Condition number	Condition
W1	All waste generated in carrying out the activity must be lawfully reused, recycled, or removed to a facility that can lawfully accept the waste.
W2	Incompatible wastes must not be mixed in the same container or waste storage area.
Agency interest: Acoustic	
Condition number	Condition
N1	Noise generated by the activity must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive place or commercial place .

Agency interest: Air	
Condition number	Condition
A1	Odours or airborne contaminants from the activity must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive place or commercial place .
A2	Contaminants must not be released to air from any point source.
A3	The servicing, repair, maintenance and dismantling of motor vehicles must: a) prevent the emission of ozone depleting substances; and b) recover all refrigerant gases prior to the dismantling of air conditioning units.
Agency interest: Land	
Condition number	Condition
L1	Contaminants must not be released to land .
Agency interest: Water	
Condition number	Condition
WT1	Contaminants must not be released to any waters .

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, whether resource activities or prescribed activities, to which the environmental authority relates.

Administering authority means the Department of Environment and Science or its successors or predecessors.

Commercial place means a place used as a workplace, an office or for business or commercial purposes and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place.

Contaminant(s) as defined in Section 11 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Environmental nuisance as defined in Chapter 1 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Incompatible waste means waste that may chemically react when:

- a) placed in proximity to other wastes; and / or
- b) mixed with other wastes.

Land does not include **waters**.

Measures have the broadest interpretation and includes plant, equipment, physical objects, monitoring, procedures, actions, directions and competency.

NATA means National Associated of Testing Authorities.

Records include breach notifications, written procedures, analysis results, monitoring reports and monitoring programs required under a condition of this authority.

Release of a contaminant into the environment means to:

- deposit, discharge, emit or disturb the contaminant;
- cause or allow the contaminant to be deposited, discharged, emitted or disturbed;
- fail to prevent the contaminant from being deposited, discharged emitted or disturbed;
- allow the contaminant to escape;
- fail to prevent the contaminant from escaping.

Secondary containment system means a system designed, installed and operated to prevent any release of contaminants from the system, or containers within the system, to land, groundwater, or surface waters.

Sensitive place includes the following and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place:

- a dwelling, residential allotment, mobile home or caravan park, residential marina or other residential premises; or
- a motel, hotel or hostel; or
- a kindergarten, school, university or other educational institution; or
- a medical centre or hospital; or
- a protected area under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Marine Parks Act 2004* or a World Heritage Area; or
- a park or garden; or
- for noise, a place listed as a sensitive receptor in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2019.

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, roadside gutter, stormwater run-off, and groundwater and any part thereof.

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY