

Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority P-EA-100348548

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

Environmental authority number: P-EA-100348548

Environmental authority takes effect on 12 September 2025. This is the take effect date.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 10-August. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
STEEP & CO. PTY LTD	81A Hammond Way KELSO QLD 4815

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Non-Scheduled - Mining Activity - Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)	EPM26287

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 10-August unless you apply to change the anniversary day. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

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.

Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science,
and Innovation
Delegate of the administering authority
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@detsi.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).

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

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

Development Approval

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

Conditions of environmental authority

The environmentally relevant activity conducted at the location as described above, with the exception of any variations, must be conducted in accordance with the standard conditions of approval contained within the attached document entitled:

- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)*
- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for mining lease activities – Version 2 (ESR/2016/2241)*

Variations to the standard conditions include:

- Schedule PG – General
- Schedule PH – Heritage
- Schedule PL - Land

Schedule PG - General

- PG1** The conditions of this environmental authority are in force until a surrender of the authority is accepted pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. The conditions apply unless an amendment is approved pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.
- PG2** The environmental authority holder is to give the administering authority a financial assurance in the amount and form and at a time required by the administering authority.
- PG3** The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for mining lease activities – Version 2* for mining leases, and the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2* for exploration tenures.
- PG4** Conditions PG1 to PG3 are additional conditions imposed on the environmental authority. If there is any inconsistency between a standard environmental condition referred to in condition PG3 and an additional condition, the additional condition prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

Schedule PH - Heritage

- PH1** Notwithstanding condition A14 of both the *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2* and *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for mining lease activities – Version 2*, the environmental authority holder is authorised to carry out mining activities within 100m of an identified Historical, Archaeological or Ethnographic site within the Wild Irish Girl Mine and Battery (Queensland Heritage Register listing number 600428) and the Laura to Maytown Coach Roach (Queensland Heritage Register listing number 600427), providing that no environmental harm occurs.

Schedule PL - Land

- PL1** Significant residual impacts to prescribed environmental matters, are not authorised on EPM26775 under this environmental authority or the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.
- PL2** Records demonstrating that each impact to a prescribed environmental matter did not, or is not likely to, result in a significant residual impact to that matter must be:
- a) Completed by an appropriately qualified person; and
 - b) Kept for the life of the environmental authority.

Definitions

Key terms and/or phrases used in this document are defined in this section. Where a term is not defined, the definition in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, its regulations or environmental protection policies must be used. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

'appropriately qualified person' – means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis on performance relating to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standard, methods or literature.

'significant residual impact' has the meaning in section 8 of *Environmental offsets Act 2014*.

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

Attachments

- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects – Version 2 (ESR/2016/1985)*
- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for mining lease activities – Version 2 (ESR/2016/2241)*