

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Decision to accept an Enforceable Undertaking

This notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 507 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to advise of a decision made on an enforceable undertaking.

City of Gold Coast Council
City of Gold Coast Customer Service Centre (Nerang)
833 Southport Nerang Road
Nerang QLD 4211

27 September 2024

Take notice: that under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, this decision notice advises of the administering authority's decision to accept the application for an Enforceable Undertaking (EU) made by City of Gold Coast Council on 6 September 2024. The administering authority is the Chief Executive of the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (the department).

A. Application details

On 6 September 2024, the department received an application for an EU from City of Gold Coast Council.

B. Material considered by the department in making the decision

In making the decision, the department had before it;

- a. *Environmental Protection Act 1994*;
- b. *Application Form – Enforceable Undertaking* dated 6 September 2024;
- c. Various correspondence between City of Gold Coast Council and the department relating to the terms of the EU;
- d. *Guideline for Enforceable Undertakings under the Environmental Protection Act 1994* (ESR/2016/2272); and
- e. *Department of Environment, Science and Innovation Enforcement Guidelines* (ESR/2021/5549).

C. Application of legislation to the decision

Section 507 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* provides that:

- a. the administering authority may accept a written undertaking (Enforceable Undertaking) made by a person in relation to a contravention or alleged contravention by the person of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, other than an indictable offence; and

- b. the administering authority must give the person written notice of the administering authority's decision to accept or reject the EU, and the reasons for the decision.

D. Decision

The administering authority has decided to accept City of Gold Coast Council's application for an EU. A signed copy of the accepted EU is attached to this decision notice.

E. Reasons for the decision

The administering authority reasonably believes that the EU will:

- i. secure compliance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*; and
- ii. enhance the protection of the environment.

F. Additional information

Obligations under the Environmental Protection Act 1994

In addition to the requirements of the EU and the conditions imposed, you must also meet your obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, and the regulations made under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. For example:

- you must comply with the following provisions of the Act:
 - general environmental duty (section 319); and
 - duty to notify of environmental harm (sections 320 - 320G);
- you must also ensure that you do not commit offences in relation to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, including but not limited to, the following:
 - causing serious or material environmental harm (sections 437 - 439);
 - causing environmental nuisance (section 440);
 - depositing prescribed water contaminants in waters and related matters (section 440ZG); and
 - placing a contaminant where environmental harm or nuisance may be caused (section 443)



Signature

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Date

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