

Information Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994
Environmental Evaluation

Extension of time for decision on submission of environmental report

This information notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 326G(7) of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Mount Margaret Mining Pty Ltd
ACN: 150 366 224
Level 44, 1 Macquarie Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Your reference: E-100150963 (Amended STAT1335); C-CPLRC-100000787

Our Reference: EPML00851313

21 June 2023

Take notice: That under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (the Act), this information notice is issued to Mount Margaret Mining Pty Ltd (you) by the administering authority to advise you that the administering authority has decided to extend the time it requires to decide whether or not to accept the environmental report submitted by you on Wednesday, 24 May 2023. The administering authority is the Chief Executive of the Department of Environment and Science (the department).

The notice to conduct or commission an environmental evaluation was issued in respect of the activities of Mount Margaret Mining Pty Ltd holder of environmental authority EPML00851313 at Mount Margaret Mine situated on land described as ML7122, ML90157, ML90198, ML90199, ML90228 and ML90229 (the premises).

A. Decision

The department has decided to extend the time required to decide whether or not to accept the environmental report until Friday, 29 March 2024.

B. Reasons for decision

The department has decided to extend the time required to decide whether or not to accept the environmental report for the following reason:

- The department is satisfied that there are special circumstances for extending the time.

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The facts and circumstances forming the basis for this decision are:

- On 24 May 2023 you submitted your response to environmental evaluation (EE) STAT-E-100150963.
- The response comprises a significant and technically complex body of work.
- The department has substantively completed its technical assessment.
- Prior to making a decision on the report, the department seeks additional technical information from and engagement with, Mount Margaret Mining.
- In the context of the department's assessment, the department is satisfied that special circumstances exist as per section 326G(7) of the Act, that warrant an extension to the decision date for the environmental report.
- Additional time provided by the extension will allow the department to:
 - engage further with you regarding an information request;
 - to provide time for you to respond to the information request;
 - provide time for the department to assess any further material provided;
 - allow for further engagement between the parties to ensure that the risks to groundwater are appropriately understood, managed and regulated, including engaging with you regarding a potential environmental authority amendment per section 215 (1) of the Act; and
 - to finalise a decision on the environmental report.

C. Reviews and appeals

The provisions regarding reviews of decisions and appeals are found in sections 519 to 539 of the Act.

A person who is dissatisfied with certain decisions of the department, may be able to apply to have the department review that original decision.

Generally, a request to have a decision reviewed must be made:

- within 10 business days of the decision being notified to the person;
- be supported by enough information to enable the department to decide the application for review; and
- be made using the application for review of an original decision form using the search term ([ESR/2015/1573](#)).

Where an application has been made for a decision to be reviewed, the applicant may also apply to the relevant court for a stay of the decision to secure the effectiveness of the review.

Once the original decision has been reviewed, a person who is dissatisfied with the review decision may be able appeal against that decision to the relevant court within 22 business days after receiving notice of the review decision.

A person whose interests are or would be adversely affected by a decision of the department may also be able to request a statement of reasons for a decision or a statutory order review under the *Judicial Review Act 1991*.

For further information about reviews and appeals see the information sheet - internal review and appeal to the Planning and Environment Court ([ESR/2015/1572](#)).

Information sheets are available on the Queensland Government website at www.qld.gov.au, using the publication number as a search term.

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You may have other legal rights or obligations and should seek your own legal advice.

Should you have any queries in relation to this notice, please contact Nicole Jarmey of the department on telephone number (07) 4722 5322 or email nicole.jarmey@des.qld.gov.au.



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