Environmental Enforcement Order

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Pursuant to section 362

ORDER ID	**STAT-E-101135558**
Date of issue	2 October 2026
Issued to (you)	Karreman Quarries Pty Ltd ACN: 010 168 742 *For the purpose of this Environmental Enforcement Order (EEO),'you' means the recipient of this EEO.*
Registered address	Central Plaza One, level 38, 345 Queen Street, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000
Site address (the premises)	616-632 West Mount Cotton Road, SHELDON QLD 4157
Land reference	1/RP186598, 2/RP186598, 3/RP186598, 4/RP186598, and 5/RP186598
Issued by (the delegate)	Joe Winzenberg, Manager (Compliance) **Delegate of the Administering Authority** Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the department)  Delegate signature
Relevant Grounds	• s359(c) To secure compliance with the general environmental duty. • s359(e)(ii) To secure compliance with a condition of an environmental authority. • s359(f)(iv) The person is contravening or has contravened s440ZG and it is likely the contravention will continue or be repeated.
Service method	☒ Registered post ☐ Hand delivered ☒ Also by email ☐ Orally (s369(2))
Contact	If you have any questions about this EEO, please contact: Henry Hunt, Gold Coast Compliance Centre Email: GoldCoast.ES@detsi.qld.gov.au Telephone: (07) 5626 6871
Further information	Please read the Information Sheet - Recipient of an Environmental Enforcement Order (detsi.qld.gov.au) for further information (search for ESR/2024/6802 on www.detsi.qld.gov.au). Terms used in this EEO have their meaning defined in the **Definitions** section of the EEO or, if not defined, in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Why are we writing to you?

You have a proactive **general environmental duty** to prevent and minimise any environmental harm.

The department has responsibility for enforcing the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (the Act).

The delegate for the department is issuing this EEO to you, pursuant to s362 of the Act, to secure

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compliance with the Act in relation to activities being undertaken at the premises.

This EEO is issued with respect to the activities undertaken at the premises that are alleged to be in contravention of sections 319, 430 and 440ZG of the Act.

What are you required to do?

The required actions listed below are to be completed in full by the required dates.

These requirements take effect from the date of service and remain in force until this EEO is amended, repealed, finalised or stayed.

General requirements:

1. You must submit all reports and documents required by this EEO to the **administering authority** via email to goldcoast.es@detsi.qld.gov.au.
2. By **5pm on 6 October 2026,** you must cease and not recommence any clearing or vegetation disturbance activities within **Area 1**, **Area 2**, **Area 3** and **Area 4** of the **premises**, as depicted in Attachment A.

Survey requirements:

3. By **5:00pm on 29 October 2026,** you must engage an **appropriately qualified person (AQP)** to conduct a land area survey of **Area 1, Area 2, Area 3** and **Area 4** as depicted in Attachment A**.** The land area survey must:
    a. demarcate and confirm the location of the **registered easement** (6m width) and the **natural vegetation buffer** boundaries; and
    b. confirm the extent of any disturbance within the **natural vegetation buffer,** including cleared vegetation and disturbance works related to the construction of the powerline infrastructure and any other pre-existing disturbance; and
    c. quantify the areas of disturbance in the **natural vegetation buffer** in metres squared; and
    d. include spatial data (GPS) in GDA2020 for each area.
4. By **5:00pm on 26 November 2026,** you must provide the land area survey results to the **administering authority**.
5. By **5:00pm on 26 November 2026**, you must install durable boundary markers that clearly delineate the boundaries of the **natural vegetation buffer** and the **registered easement** on the premises. The markers must be maintained for the duration of this EEO.
6. By **5:00pm on 26 November 2026,** you must submit photographs and GPS coordinates (GDA2020) of all boundary markers installed in accordance with requirement 5 to the **administering authority.**

Rehabilitation requirements:

7. By **5:00pm on 7 January 2027,** you must submit a rehabilitation plan (RP) prepared by an **AQP** to the **administering authority**. The RP must detail the rehabilitation of **Area 2** and **Area 4** as depicted in Attachment A, and any additional disturbance identified by the **AQP** in the land area survey. The RP must include:
    a. **Success criteria** which includes target values for the following criteria, based on a **control site**:
        i. native species richness; and
        ii. native vegetation density; and

iii. vegetation structure and canopy cover; and

iv. weed prevalence and cover; and

v. evidence of natural recruitment of native species; and

vi. landform stability; and

b. methodology for how each of the **success criteria** will be assessed and measured; and

c. identification and justification for the selection of a suitable **control site** located within an undisturbed area of the **natural vegetation buffer** that is representative of the **natural vegetation** and Regional Ecosystems 12.11.27 / 12.11.24, that will be used to develop the **success criteria**; and

d. a schedule of actions to be carried out to achieve the **success criteria**, including completion dates for each action to achieve compliance with the timeframes of this EEO; and

e. actions to ensure that:

i. native plants representative of Regional Ecosystem types 12.11.27 / 12.11.24 are planted, established, and become self-sustaining and are comparable in species composition, structure and density to the **control site**; and

ii. erosion and sediment controls measures are installed and maintained to prevent sediment discharge from the rehabilitation areas; and

iii. all **quarry material** placed within **Area 2** and **Area 4**, and any additional disturbance areas identified by the **AQP** in the land area survey, is removed and topsoil is reinstated in a manner that provides a suitable substrate for plant growth and does not impact **natural vegetation**; and

iv. the final landform is stable and consistent with the pre-disturbance landform; and

v. dust mitigation measures are implemented to prevent environmental nuisance; and

vi. weed species are managed.

f. details of the proposed native vegetation species to be planted in **Area 2** and **Area 4,** and any additional disturbance areas identified by the **AQP** in the land area survey; and

g. a map identifying the rehabilitation areas, and the **control site**; and

h. identification of potential risks to achieving the **success criteria** and suitable control measures that must be implemented; and

i. a monitoring and maintenance program, to be undertaken by an **AQP,** which includes:

i. quarterly evaluation of rehabilitation progress against the **success criteria**; and

ii. identification of any corrective actions necessary, including timeframes for completion, to ensure the **success criteria** will be met; and

iii. provision of quarterly reports to the **administering authority**. These reports must be submitted within 2 weeks of the quarterly inspection and include details of monitoring and maintenance actions undertaken in the previous quarter, actions and timeframes for completion in the next quarter, and the results of the evaluation of the rehabilitation against the **success criteria**.

8. By **5:00pm** on **18 March 2027,** you must commence implementation of the RP under the supervision of an **AQP**.

9. By **5:00pm** on **13 May 2027,** all actions identified under requirement 7d and 7e and specified in the RP must be completed.

10. By **5:00pm** on **27 May 2027,** you must provide the **administering authority** a report prepared by an **AQP** that confirms whether compliance with requirement 9 has been achieved. This report must include:

a. Certification by the **AQP** that the required actions have been completed in accordance with the RP; and

b. planting records, including species and densities planted; and

c. photographs of completed works.

11. From **5:00pm on 13 May 2027,** you must commence and continue to implement the monitoring and maintenance program detailed in the RP until the **administering authority** confirms in writing that the **success criteria** have been achieved.

12. You must implement all corrective actions identified by the **AQP** during the maintenance and monitoring period within the timeframes specified in the relevant monitoring reports.

Grounds for issuing this EEO:

The department is issuing you with this EEO pursuant to section 362(1) of the Act as it is satisfied that the following enforcement grounds exist:

1. In accordance with section 359(e)(ii) of the Act, it is necessary to issue you an EEO to secure compliance with the following conditions of environmental authority (EA) EPPR00953513:

   a. **Condition L2** of the EA which states:
   A natural vegetation buffer must be maintained in accordance with Appendix B Map 2: West Mount Cotton Quarry Extraction Pit, Vegetation Buffer and Powerline Easement – 2326.DRG.028.

   b. **Condition L3** of the EA which states:
   The natural vegetation buffer referred to in condition L2 must be managed by implementing and complying with a Buffer Management Plan that improves visual amenity and habitat connectivity, including, by requiring: a. regular weed removal and minimisation; and b. native vegetation planting along the edge of the buffer and within existing disturbed areas within the buffer.

2. In accordance with section 359(f)(iv) of the Act, you have contravened section 440ZG of the Act and it is considered likely the contravention will continue. Section 440ZG of the Act states the following:

   'A person must not-

   a. unlawfully deposit a prescribed water contaminant—

   i. in waters; or

   ii. in a roadside gutter or stormwater drainage;

   iii. or at another place, and in a way, so that the contaminant could reasonably be expected to wash, blow, fall or otherwise move into waters, a roadside gutter or stormwater drainage;

   b. unlawfully release stormwater run-off into waters, a roadside gutter or stormwater drainage that results in the build-up of earth in waters, a roadside gutter or stormwater drainage'.

3. In accordance with section 359(c) of the Act, it is considered necessary to issue an EEO to secure compliance with the general environmental duty (the GED). The GED is detailed in section 319 of the Act which states the following:

A person must not carry out any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm unless the person takes all reasonably practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm (the general environmental duty).

The facts and circumstances forming the basis for the grounds are:

4. You occupy land described as lots 1/RP186598, 2/RP186598, 3/RP186598, 4/RP186598, and 5/RP186598 located at 616-632 West Mount Cotton Road, SHELDON QLD 4157.
5. You are the holder of EA EPPR00953513 issued 27 February 2026 which authorises the following activities at the premises:
    a. ERA 16 - Extraction and Screening - 2(c) - Extracting, other than by dredging, in a year, the following quantity of material - more than 1,000,000t; and
    b. ERA 16 - Extraction and Screening - 3(c) - Screening, in a year, the following quantity of material - more than 1,000,000t.
6. The department is satisfied that you are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the premises under the EA.

Relevant to ground 1a – Natural Vegetation Buffer (condition L2)

7. Condition L2 of the EA requires a natural vegetation buffer to be maintained in accordance with *Appendix B, Map 2: West Mount Cotton Quarry Extraction Pit, Vegetation Buffer and Powerline Easement – 2326.DRG.028* (the plan).
8. The plan depicts the locality and dimensions of the registered easement, the approved extraction area and the natural vegetation that is required to be maintained.
9. Natural vegetation means a retained (uncleared), native remnant vegetation community.
10. On 27 March 2025, you advised the department via email that vegetation clearing occurred on the premises on 28 and 29 July 2024 as part of the powerline relocation works and the construction of the new underground powerline infrastructure.
11. On 8 and 29 October 2025, the department conducted compliance inspections of your activities at the premises in response to a community report. Authorised persons inspected the works related to the construction of the powerline infrastructure within the registered easement and observed an established access track and cleared vegetation.
12. Subsequent review of information collected during the inspections on 8 and 29 October 2025, and further inspections completed on 27 February 2026 and 25 May 2026, and analysis of satellite imagery dated 21 July 2024, 20 September 2024, 8 December 2024, 7 April 2025, 25 May 2025, 12 June 2025, 7 July 2025, 23 August 2025, 3 December 2025, 10 April 2026 and 22 June 2026 confirmed that disturbance associated with the construction of the powerline infrastructure within the registered easement had encroached into the natural vegetation buffer.
13. The department understands that the relocation of the existing powerline easement was necessary to enable the expansion of the quarry pit. The realigned registered easement is documented in Survey Plan SP358132, dated 15 October 2025, which depicts easements D, E and F on RP186598 and identifies the location of the underground powerline infrastructure and associated easement area to which the works relate. The survey plan designates the width of easement D, E and F to be 6 metres.
14. On 11 November 2025, you advised the department via email that land disturbance that extended beyond the registered easement was due to the utility provider’s requirements of a 10-metre clear zone for safe construction. Other reasons you provided included site conditions, environmental considerations and bushfire access.

15. The department has obtained information, including contractual arrangements, design drawings and written correspondence that confirms you were responsible for preparatory works associated with the powerline relocation. This information confirms that the required preparatory works included vegetation clearing to a maximum of 10m width, the establishment of access tracks and completion of excavation activities.
16. All relevant utility providers have provided correspondence to the department on 5 May 2026 and 2 June 2026 confirming that any land beyond the registered easement is not required for ongoing operational or maintenance requirements.
17. On 25 May 2026, the department conducted a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS) survey at the premises. Analysis of the survey confirmed approximately 1.514 hectares of disturbance to natural vegetation within the natural vegetation buffer beyond the 10m construction width required for the construction of the underground powerline infrastructure.
18. The department has confirmed that, following completion of the underground powerline installation, a 6-metre-wide easement is required for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure. Analysis of the RPAS survey identified that approximately 2.13 hectares of vegetation had been disturbed within the natural vegetation buffer outside the required 6 metre easement. At the time of the site inspection on 25 May 2026 rehabilitation of disturbed areas outside the 6-metre easement had not occurred since completion of construction works on 17 December 2025.
19. The disturbance identified beyond the registered easement occurred within the natural vegetation buffer and extended into areas that were required to be maintained under EA condition L2. Rehabilitation of the disturbed area outside of the registered easement and within the natural vegetation buffer is considered necessary to secure compliance with condition L2 of the EA.

Relevant to ground 1b – Buffer Management Plan (condition L3)

20. Condition L3 requires you to manage the natural vegetation buffer by implementing and complying with a Buffer Management Plan. Condition L3 stipulates that the Buffer Management Plan must require regular weed removal and native vegetation planting along the edge of the buffer and within existing disturbed areas within the buffer.
21. On 14 November 2025, you provided the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the activity titled '*KAR-CD-12.4 Environmental Management Plan v3 Nov 2025'.* Section 2.8 of the EMP includes a Buffer Land and Ecological Management Plan (BMP) for the activity. This BMP is taken to be the Buffer Management Plan for the purposes of condition L3 of the EA. The BMP performance objectives are to maintain the buffer areas within the quarry lands in accordance with the plan. Specifically, the BMP states:
    a. *Remnant vegetation must not be interfered with or damaged beyond the 'Approved Quarry Boundary' and 'Proposed Quarry Boundary' shown on EMP FIGURE 3 (Appendix B: Map 2 on the EA)*; and
    b. *no land within the land demarcated as buffer land, riparian land and conservation protection land, will be interfered with by clearing works and associated ancillary quarrying activities other than those approved*; and
    c. *areas of the site that have been cleared in the past and will not be disturbed by future activities are to be revegetated or allowed to regenerate naturally*.
22. As described above, the department alleges that you undertook clearing and soil disturbance activities related to construction of the powerline infrastructure which created land disturbance that extended beyond the 10m construction width required for the construction of the underground powerline infrastructure.

23. The department considers you have reduced habitat connectivity by increasing the fragmentation between the natural vegetation buffer and surrounding conservation areas (Venman Bushland National Park and Don & Christine Burnett Conservation area). It is alleged that you have not managed the natural vegetation buffer in accordance with the BMP and in a manner that would improve visual amenity and habitat connectivity.
24. Analysis of satellite imagery dated 3 December 2025, 10 April 2026 and 22 June 2026 and observations made during site inspections on 8 and 29 October 2025, 27 February 2026, and 25 May 2026 confirms that native vegetation planting within pre-existing disturbed areas within the natural vegetation buffer, specifically Area 4 as identified in Attachment A, had not occurred.
25. It is considered necessary to require you to implement and comply with the BMP to secure compliance with condition L3 of the EA.

Relevant to ground 2 – Section 440ZG of the Act

26. As described in paragraph 11, you constructed an access track using quarry material within the natural vegetation buffer and beyond the 10m width required for the construction of the underground powerline infrastructure.
27. During inspections on 8 and 29 October 2025, departmental officers observed that the erosion and sediment control (ESC) measures implemented within disturbed areas of the natural vegetation buffer were not sufficient to prevent the movement of prescribed water contaminants from the disturbed area to waters. Officers observed sheet erosion and sediment migration from the disturbed area.
28. The department acknowledges actions taken by you following inspections in October 2025, including the engagement of an AQP and the implementation of ESC measures within the disturbed area of the natural vegetation buffer. These measures included the placement of quarry material to minimise erosion and prevent the release of sediment from the site.
29. The department considers that, while the ESC measures were implemented to reduce the risk of environmental harm, the placement of the quarry material for ESC and site access, has potential to be an ongoing source of prescribed water contaminants. The department also considers that the placement of this material has altered the landform and has the potential to adversely affect the successful rehabilitation of the disturbed areas. The department considers the ESC measures to be a temporary control measure, and the long-term retention of these materials is inconsistent with achieving compliance with conditions L2 and L3 of the EA.
30. Section 440ZE of the Act provides that depositing a contaminant at a place includes dropping or placing the contaminant onto the place.
31. In accordance with section 440ZF of the Act gravel, sediment, stones and similar organic or inorganic matter are prescribed water contaminants listed under Schedule 10 item 6 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019.
32. The quarry material used to construct the access track and ESC measures was comprised of crushed rock/road base, being gravel, stones and similar inorganic matter.
33. There are multiple mapped watercourses, being ephemeral creeks that are tributaries to the upper waters of Tingalpa Creek, located within or flowing through the natural vegetation buffer. The topography of the land is such that surface water from the area of disturbance flows toward these mapped watercourses.
34. The quarry material was deposited in a location where it could reasonably be expected to wash, fall or otherwise move into waters, including the mapped ephemeral watercourses within and adjacent to the natural vegetation buffer.

35. The deposition and ongoing retention of prescribed water contaminants in disturbed areas within the natural vegetation buffer, outside the easement, is considered to be unlawful on the basis that conditions L2 and L3 require the maintenance and management of the natural vegetation buffer. It is also considered that the retention of this material is inconsistent with the requirements to restore the natural landform and rehabilitate the disturbed area to achieve compliance with conditions L2 and L3 of the EA.
36. The department considers that the deposition and retention of the prescribed water contaminants in the natural vegetation buffer, and outside the registered easement, contravene s440ZG(a)(iii) of the Act, and it is likely that the contravention will continue until the material is removed.

Relevant to ground 3 – Section 319 of the Act – the General Environmental Duty

37. Section 14 of the Act describes environmental harm as any adverse effect, or potential adverse effect (whether temporary or permanent and of whatever magnitude, duration, or frequency) on an environmental value, and includes environmental nuisance.
38. Section 9 of the Act describes an environmental value as — a quality or physical characteristic of the environment that is conducive to ecological health or public amenity or safety; or another quality or physical characteristic of the environment that contributes to its biological diversity and integrity or intrinsic or attributed scientific value or interest, amenity, harmony and sense of community.
39. The environmental values of the natural vegetation buffer that are conducive to ecological health and contribute to biological diversity include vegetation of state environmental significance, specifically essential habitat and core habitat for the Koala and Glossy Black Cockatoo.
40. In addition, conditions L2 and L3 of the EA require the maintenance and management of the natural vegetation buffer to protect the environmental values of adjacent conservation areas, including Venman Bushland National Park and the Don and Christine Burnett Conservation Area which form part of the Koala Bushland Coordinated Conservation Area (KBCCA).
41. The works associated with the construction of the underground powerline infrastructure have resulted in the clearing of approximately 1.514 hectares of vegetation of state environmental significance within the natural vegetation buffer, beyond the 10-metre width required for the construction of the underground powerline infrastructure. The department considers that the impacts to the natural vegetation buffer caused by vegetation clearing and land disturbance has caused, or is likely to have caused, environmental harm by adversely affecting, or potentially adversely affecting, the environmental values of the natural vegetation buffer and surrounding conservation areas.
42. The department considers that the BMP prepared for the premises identifies reasonable and practicable measures that should have been implemented to prevent or minimise any actual or potential environmental harm in the natural vegetation buffer. Specifically, section 2.8.3 of the BMP includes the following management measures:
    - ensuring that all clearing, earthworks and construction activities remained within the approved disturbance; and
    - clearly identifying and demarcating the approved disturbance area and the natural vegetation buffer before works commenced.
43. The department considers that you have failed to take all reasonably practicable measures to prevent or minimise environmental harm by undertaking disturbance within the natural vegetation buffer beyond the 10-metre width required during construction of the powerline infrastructure. In addition, you have failed to rehabilitate disturbed areas of the natural vegetation buffer including up to the 6-metre width required for the easement.

44. The department considers it necessary to require you to rehabilitate the disturbance within the natural vegetation buffer beyond the extent of the 6-metre easement, to secure compliance with the GED.

Relevant to all

45. On 3 December 2025, the department issued you with correspondence outlining alleged offences under the Act, including alleged contraventions of conditions L2 and L3 of the EA. You provided a response on 16 January 2026. The department has considered your response in deciding to issue this EEO.
46. On 1 September 2026, the department issued you correspondence outlining the draft EEO requirements. You provided a response on 8 September 2026. On 29 and 30 September 2026 you made additional representations to the department.
47. The delegate has considered your representations and the circumstances and determined that the required actions in this EEO are appropriate to require you to rehabilitate the impacted areas within a reasonable and specific timeframe, and to secure compliance with the GED, section 440ZG of the Act, and conditions L2 and L3 of your EA.

Definitions used in this EEO *(that are not exactly as the Act defines or implies them)*

Activity	means the environmentally relevant activities, whether resource activities or prescribed activities, to which the environmental authority relates.
Administering authority	means the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation or its successor or predecessors.
Area 1	means the cleared area within the registered easement (6m width) as defined in the survey plan (SP358132) dated 15 October 2025 and as identified in Attachment A.
Area 2	means the disturbed area (i.e. cleared area) inside the natural vegetation buffer as identified in Attachment A.
Area 3	means the undisturbed area inside the natural vegetation buffer as identified in Attachment A.
Area 4	means the pre-existing disturbed area on the old easement that is within the natural vegetation buffer as identified in Attachment A.
Appropriately qualified person (AQP)	is a person or persons who has professional qualifications, training, skills, or experience relevant to the requirements of this EEO, and can give authoritative assessment, advice, and analysis on performance relating to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, methods, or literature.
Authorised representative	A representative that has been nominated by the person this EEO relates to, for acting on their behalf when dealing with the Queensland Government to manage matters. For more information, read the guideline Authorisation letter to nominate an Authorised Holder Representative (available at www.qld.gov.au using the publication number ESR/2019/5168 as a search term).
Control site	means a reference site that contains native remnant vegetation (uncleared) within the natural vegetation buffer that is also representative of regional ecosystem types 12.11.27

	and 12.11.24.
Natural vegetation	means a retained (uncleared), native remnant vegetation community.
Natural vegetation buffer	means the natural vegetation area excluding the registered 6-metre-wide easement as delineated in Appendix B Map 2 of the EA.
Premises	means lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Plan RP186598.
Quarry material	means quarried materials including rock, crushed rock and gravels and other aggregate materials, that have been deposited within Area 2, Area 3 and Area 4.
Registered easement	means Easements D, E and F on RP186598 as depicted in Survey Plan SP358132 dated 15 October 2025 and shown in Attachment A, including the 6-metre width specified.
Success criteria	means measurable rehabilitation objectives and outcomes determined by the AQP in accordance with requirement 7 of this EEO that demonstrate the impacted area has achieved a stable and self-sustaining native vegetation community representative of Regional Ecosystems 12.11.27 and 12.11.24 requiring no ongoing management other than routine weed control.
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.

Considerations

The standard criteria, principles of environmental protection, human rights and representations made by you were considered prior to issuing this EEO.

Offences

Failure to comply with this EEO is an offence unless you have a reasonable excuse. The maximum penalties are significant and are provided in s369A of the Act.

Attachment A:



Area 1: Pink highlight – Registered easement (approximately 10,201.6m^2).

Area 2: Yellow highlight - Cleared area of MSES vegetation inside vegetation buffer zone (approximately 21,373.6m^2)

Area 3: Green highlight – Vegetation buffer (approximately 214,100m^2)

Area 4: Red highlight – pre-existing disturbed area within former easement (approximately 3,840.9m^2)

Penalties and obligations

It is important that you know the impact to you personally as an individual or as a corporation for not meeting your obligations.

- If you propose to dispose of the place or business to which the EEO relates, you must advise the buyer of the existence of this EEO. **Failure to provide a written notice to the buyer of the existence of the order is an offence.** The maximum penalty is provided in s369C of the Act.
- If you cease to carry out the activity to which this EEO relates, you must give written notice of ceasing to carry out the activity to the department within 10 days of ceasing the activity. **Failure to provide written notice to the department within 10 business days of ceasing the activity to which an EEO relates is an offence.** The maximum penalty is provided in s369D of the Act.

Right of review and appeal

The provisions regarding reviews of decisions and appeals are found in s519 to s539 of the Act.

A person who is dissatisfied with an original decision made by the department may apply to have that decision internally reviewed. Information about initiating an appeal in relation to this notice is contained within the Internal Reviews and Appeals Information Sheet (available at www.qld.gov.au using the publication number ESR/2015/1742 as a search term). A request for review or appeal is to be made using the approved form Application for review of original decision (available at www.qld.gov.au using the publication number ESR/2015/1573 as a search term).

Applications for reviews are to be sent to Permits and Licensing, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation via email at palm@detsi.qld.gov.au, or by mail to the following address: GPO Box 2454, BRISBANE QLD 4001.

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 to appeal against that decision to the relevant court within 22 business days after receiving notice of the review decision.

For a decision that is not an original decision, there are no formal review and appeal rights for a person who is dissatisfied with the decision made by the administering authority. The person may have other legal rights and may wish to seek legal advice.

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