

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Notice of decision – Temporary emissions licence

This notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 357E of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, to advise you of a decision or action.

This statutory notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 357F of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, to advise you of a decision or action.

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Your reference: EPML00562013 – Caval Ridge Mine

Our reference: TEL101018087

1 Application details

Application for temporary emissions licence (TEL) for the release of mine affected water from a varied release point, and an additional upstream monitoring location at Caval Ridge Mine.

2 Decision

Thank you for your application for a temporary emissions licence. Your application, which was received by this office on 20 January 2026, has been granted as submitted

3 Reason for the decision

The administering authority has decided the application in accordance with sections 357C - 357G of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

The department has determined that heavy rainfall associated with the Ex-Tropical Cyclone Koji has resulted in significant accumulation of water in Heyford Pit.

4 Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision and it was determined that the decision is compatible with human rights.

5 Review and appeal rights

You may apply to the administering authority for a review of this decision within 10 business days after receiving this notice. You may also appeal against this internal review decision to the Land Court. Information about your review and appeal rights is attached to this notice. This information is guidance only and you may have other legal rights and obligations.

6 Temporary emissions licence

This temporary emissions licence commences on 21 January 2026 and ends on 20 February 2026.

The licence permits the following emission:

- The release of mine affected water from RP(TEL2) into the receiving waters of Harrow Creek. The source of the mine affected water is Heyford Pit 10.

The licence overrides the following conditions of your environmental authority, approval number EPML00562013:

- F2 (replaced by TEL F2)
- F3 (replaced by TEL F3)
- F4 (replaced by TEL F4)
- F7 (replaced by TEL F7)
- F8 (replaced by TEL F8)
- F9 (replaced by TEL F9)
- F10 (replaced by TEL F10)
- F17 (replaced by TEL F17)
- Table F1 Mine Affected Water Release Points (replaced by Table F1 TEL)
- Table F4 Mine Affected Water Release During Flow Events (replaced by Table F4 TEL)
- Table F6 Receiving Water Upstream Background and Downstream Monitoring Points (replaced by Table F6 TEL)

The following conditions apply to this licence:

TEL F2	Unless otherwise permitted under the conditions of this environmental authority, the release of mine affected water to waters must only occur from the release points specified in Table F1(TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release Points) .
TEL F3	The release of mine affected water to waters in accordance with condition TEL F2 must not exceed the release limits stated in Table F2 (Mine Affected Water Release Limits) when measured at the monitoring points specified in Table F1 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release Points) for each quality characteristic.
TEL F4	The release of mine affected water to waters from the release points must be monitored at the locations specified in Table F1 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release Points) for each quality characteristic and at the frequency specified in Table F2 (Mine Affected Water Release Limits) and Table F3 (Release Contaminant Trigger Investigation Levels). <i>NOTE: the administering authority will take into consideration any extenuating circumstances prior to determining an appropriate enforcement response in the event condition F4 is contravened due to a temporary lack of safe or practical access. The administering authority expects the environmental authority holder to take all reasonable and practicable measures to maintain safe and practical access to designated monitoring locations.</i>
TEL F7	Mine Affected Water Release Events The environmental authority holder must ensure a stream flow gauging station(s) is installed, operated and maintained to determine and record stream flows at the locations and flow recording frequency specified in Table F4 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release During Flow Events).
TEL F8	The release of mine affected water to waters must only take place during periods of natural flow events specified as minimum flow in Table F4 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release During Flow Events) for the release point(s) specified in Table F1 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release Points) . All flow criteria listed in Table F4 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release During Flow Events) for both local receiving waterways and the Isaac River must be met for the duration of any release of mine affected water.
TEL F9	The release of mine affected water must not exceed the 80th percentile value of 2000 µS/cm when measured at the monitoring points specified in Table F6 (TEL) (Receiving Water Upstream Background Sites and Down Stream Monitoring Points) during the release influence period. <i>NOTE: Release influence period is the period during which the downstream monitoring points are influenced by mine affected water releases and includes both the duration of release and any lag time between the release point/s and downstream monitoring point/s.</i>
TEL F10	The daily quantity of mine affected water released from each release point must be measured and recorded at the monitoring points in Table F1 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release Points) .
TEL F17	Receiving Environment Monitoring and Contaminant Trigger Levels The quality of the receiving waters must be monitored at the locations specified in Table F6 (TEL) (Receiving Water Upstream Background and Downstream Monitoring Points) for each quality characteristic and at the monitoring frequency stated in Table F5 (Receiving Waters Contaminant Trigger Levels) and Table F3 (Release Contaminant Trigger Investigation Levels).

Table F1 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release Points)

Release Point (RP)	Easting (GDA64)	Northing (GDA64)	Mine Affected Water Source and Location	Monitoring Point	Receiving Waters Description
RP1	612170	7550109	12N Dam	Discharge Point	Cherwell Creek
RP2 (TEL)	616696	7547287	Heyford Pit 10	Discharge Point	Harrow Creek

Table F4 (TEL) (Mine Affected Water Release During Flow Events)

Receiving waters	Release Point (RP)	Gauging Station	Gauging Station Easting (GDA64)	Gauging Station Northing (GDA64)	Receiving Water Flow Criteria for Discharge [#] (m ³ /s)	Receiving Water Flow Recording Frequency [^]
Cherwell Creek	RP1	Upper Cherwell Creek	610277	7546803	≥0.5 m ³ /s	Daily during discharge
Isaac River	RP1, RP2(TEL)	Isaac River Deverill*	642119	7548391	≥3 m ³ /s	Continuous (minimum daily) during discharge

* Low flow releases provide for releases on the tail end of a natural flow event. The low flow release window commences the moment the natural flow recedes below the flow trigger and spans a period of 28 days only.

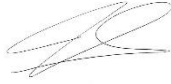
Table F6 (TEL) (Receiving Waters Upstream Background and Downstream Monitoring Points)

Monitoring Point (MP)	Receiving Waters Location Description	Easting (GDA64)	Northing (GDA64)
Upstream Background Monitoring Points			
UMP1	Cherwell Creek at upstream gauging station	610019	7547042
UMP3 (TEL)	U/S Harrow Creek Dam gauging station	614619	7544893
Backup MPs when primary upstream (background) MP (UMP1) is inaccessible – Upstream MPs for Quality			
MP20	Isaac River – Upstream confluence with Cherwell Creek	616615	7561246
Cherwell Creek and Peak Downs Highway Bridge	Cherwell Creek – Peak Downs Highway Bridge	604086	7543592
Downstream Monitoring Points			
DMP1	Isaac River Seloh Nolem Downstream (SNDS)	652796	7528240
Backup when primary MPs are out of order - Downstream Monitoring Point for Quality			
DMP2	Isaac River Seloh Nolem Upstream (Backup to SNDS)	652226	7532210
DMP3	Isaac River, Downstream of Cherwell Confluence (Backup to SNDS)	627677	7556452
DMP4	Isaac River Deverill Monitoring Station (Backup to SNDS)	642119	7548391

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Should you have any questions about the notice, please contact Business Centre Coal using the details provided below.



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21/01/2026

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[Information sheet Internal review and appeals \(ESR/2015/1742\)](#)