

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Notice of decision – Temporary emissions licence

This notice has been amended under section 24AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1954. 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.

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Your reference: EPML00562013 – Caval Ridge Mine

Our reference: TEL101039702

1 Application details

Application for temporary emissions licence (TEL) for the release of mine affected water to the receiving environment based on flow conditions monitored at a varied gauging station.

2 Decision

Thank you for your application for a temporary emissions licence. Your application, which was received by this office on 20 February 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 has occurred within the past 24 hours onsite, and an authorised release of the accumulated water cannot be undertaken under the existing environmental authority conditions.

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 20 February 2026 and ends on 30 April 2026.

The licence permits the following emission:

- The release of 2 GL of mine affected water (inclusive of the 860 ML released between 20 February 2026 and 2 March 2026) from RP1 based on flow at the receiving waters of Cherwell Creek when monitored at the Cherwell Creek Flood Alarm gauging station.

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

- F7 (replaced by TEL F7)
- F8 (replaced by TEL F8)
- Table F4 Mine Affected Water Release During Flow Events (replaced by Table F4 TEL)

The following conditions apply to this licence:

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.

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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	Cherwell Creek Flood Alarm	617750	7550988	≥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.*

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



Signature

05/03/2026

Date

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