

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.

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Via electronic transmission only

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Your reference: EPML00818113; A-TEL-NEW-101050223

Our reference: 101/0008747; TEL101050231

1 Application details

Application for temporary emissions licence (TEL) TEL101050231 for release of contaminated water from the existing Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) to a clean diversion channel flowing into Males Gully at the Mt Veteran Mine (related to mining leases (ML) 4349 and ML20547).

2 Decision

Thank you for your application for a temporary emissions licence. Your application, which was received by this office on 6 March 2026, at 16:25pm and has been granted on different terms than those submitted.

3 Reason for the decision

Pursuant to section 357E (1) (a) (ii) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, the application has been approved subject to different terms than those requested by Huntore Australia Pty Ltd. The different terms are specified in this notice as conditions. These additional requirements have been included and are considered to be both necessary and desirable to minimise environmental harm.

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 by way of link below. This information is guidance only and you may have other legal rights and obligations.

6 Temporary emissions licence

This temporary emissions licence commences on **6 March 2026** and ends on **10 April 2026**.

The licence permits the following emission:

The release of contaminated water from the existing TSF to a clean diversion channel flowing into Males Gully via overflow and/or pumping in accordance with the conditions of this licence.

The licence overrides the following conditions of your environmental authority, EPVL00864413:

Condition E3, Schedule E – Table E2 Receiving Waters Quality Objectives.

Condition E4, Schedule E.

The following conditions apply to this licence:

TEL1 This temporary emissions licence:

- (a) takes effect from 6 March 2026;
- (b) will cease on 10 April 2026; and
- (c) releases to Males Gully permitted by this temporary emissions licence may take place with the following requirements:
 - (i) rainfall trigger of 15mm in 24 hours;
 - (ii) measure site rainfall in site rain gauge; calculate anticipated runoff volume from this rainfall in the clean water diversion channel;
 - (iii) release from Existing TSF via pump, a volume not exceeding 10% of the calculated volume in the clean water diversion channel, during flow in the clean water diversion;
 - (iv) release volume to be measured via pump capacity, and record of pump operating hours; and
 - (v) release to cease when flow ceases in the clean water diversion.

TEL2 The release of contaminants to waters must only occur from the release points specified in TEL Table 1 – Authorised surface water release points and monitoring requirements during the release event.

TEL3 The release of contaminants to the receiving environment must not result in an exceedance of compliance limit stated in Schedule E – Table E2 - Receiving Waters Quality Objectives of EPVL00864413 for each quality characteristic except for those specified below.

Electrical conductivity: 260 µS/cm

Fluoride: 1.2 mg/L

Turbidity: 100 NTU

Dissolved aluminium: 6.9 mg/L

Note: compliance limits specified in TEL 3 applies to SW1, SW3, SW8 and SW9 and overrides compliance limits specified in Schedule E – Table E2 - Receiving Waters Quality Objectives of EPVL00864413.

- TEL4** The contaminant release must only comprise a maximum of 10% of the calculated volume in the clean water diversion channel, during flow in the clean water diversion.
- TEL5** A report must be submitted to the administering authority by email to palm@detsi.qld.gov.au on 29 May 2026.
- TEL6** The report required by condition TEL-5 must contain:
- (a) the details of any release to Males Gully over the duration of the release event (inclusive of when releases commenced and ceased);
 - (b) the details of any release of contaminants not in accordance with conditions of environmental authority EPVL00864413, including:
 - (i) location of the release;
 - (ii) quality of the release;
 - (iii) quantity of the release;
 - (iv) details of how any quality or quantity measurements or estimates were derived; and
 - (v) measures taken to prevent or minimise environmental harm associated with the release;
 - (c) all monitoring results required by condition TEL-7.
- TEL7** The release of contaminants to Males Gully is only permitted:
- (a) during flow in the clean water diversion;
 - (b) in accordance with *Table 1 – Authorised surface water release points and monitoring requirements during the release event*; and
 - (c) when monitored at the minimum monitoring frequency for each quality characteristic specified in *Table 1 – Authorised surface water release points and monitoring requirements during the release event*.

TEL Table 1 – Authorised surface water release points and monitoring requirements during the release event

Authorised release point	Monitoring requirements					
RP1; GDA94 Zone 55 (304105 and 8055230)	Monitoring sites	Monitoring locations		Monitoring Site Description	Quality characteristic	Minimum monitoring frequency
		Easting (GDA94-Zone 55)	Northing (GDA94-Zone55)			
	SW3	303595	8055564	upstream Copper Creek	Total volume released (ML)	
	SW11	305190	8056045	upstream Males Gully	Volume release rate (L/hour)	
	SW12	305077	8055840	un-named watercourse	pH (insitu and lab) EC (insitu and lab)	
	SW1	304105	8055230	Spillway of the existing TSF	All other quality characteristics required by Schedule E Table E2 of EPVL00864413	
	SW8	303898	8055283	Compliance point in Males Creek downstream of the existing TSF		
	SW9	303366	8055166	Boundary point compliance		
	SW26	304135	8055205	Clean Water Diversion Drain		

TEL8 If a compliance limit measured at a release point specified in *Table 1 – Authorised surface water release points and monitoring requirements during the release event* during the release event exceeds any compliance limit specified in TEL 3 and/or Environmental Authority EPVL00864413 Table E2 - Receiving Waters Quality Objectives, result must be compared to the applicable upstream reference site(s) and downstream site(s) and:

- (a) If the contaminant concentration measured at the release point is equal to or less than the contaminant concentration measured at the applicable upstream reference site(s), no further action is required; or
- (b) If the contaminant concentration measured at applicable downstream site(s) do not exceed their respective contaminant limits specified in Environmental Authority EPVL00864413 Table E2 - Receiving Waters Quality Objectives and/or TEL 3, no further action is required; or
- (c) If (a) or (b) do not apply, complete an investigation into the potential for environmental harm and provide a written report to the administering authority's pollution hotline within 90 days, outlining:
 - (i) Details of the investigations carried out; and

(ii) Actions taken to prevent environmental harm.

- TEL9** If an exceedance in accordance with TEL 8(c) is identified, the holder of the authority must notify the administering authority within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the result.
- TEL10** Monitoring required by condition TEL-7 must be in accordance with the requirements of the current published edition or version of the Queensland Government's 'Monitoring and Sampling Manual 2018 – Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009' unless otherwise approved by the administering authority.
- TEL11** All monitoring devices must be calibrated and maintained according to the manufacturer's instruction manual.
- TEL12** The release of contaminants to waters by pump must immediately cease when flow ceases in the clean water diversion.
- TEL13** Prior to any release occurring, downstream landholders and downstream water users that may be impacted by any releases under this temporary emissions licence must be notified of:
- (a) the characteristics of the release that will occur under this temporary emissions licence, including volume, quality, date, time, and duration of release; and
 - (b) the measures taken to prevent or minimise environmental harm occurring from the release.
- TEL14** The release of contaminants to waters under this temporary emissions licence must not cause:
- (a) erosion of the bed and banks of the receiving waters; and/or
 - (b) disturbance to vegetation; and/or
 - (c) a build-up of sediment.
- TEL15** All conditions of the EA continue to apply unless otherwise specified in this temporary emissions licence.

Definitions

Measures has the broadest interpretation and includes plant, equipment, physical objects, bunding, containment systems, monitoring, procedures, actions, directions and competency

Waters includes a 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.

Should you have any questions about the notice, please contact Kajal Chand, Principal Environmental Officer using the details provided below.



Signature

6 March 2026

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