

# Notice

## *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

### Assessment level decision

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*This notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 229 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) to advise whether a proposed amendment to an environmental authority and a PRCP schedule is a major or minor amendment.*

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*By email transmission only*

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Coal Assessment Hub

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Our reference: P-EA-100658735 and P-PRCP-100669070\_V1

### Assessment level decision for an application to amend an environmental authority and a PRCP schedule

#### 1. Application details

The application to amend the environmental authority and PRCP schedule P-EA-100658735 and P-PRCP-100669070\_V1 was received by the administering authority on **23 September 2024**.

The application reference number is: **Zendesk#184524**

Land description: ML1790 and ML70495

#### 2. Decision

The assessment level decision for this application is that the proposed amendment to the environmental authority and PRCP schedule is a **major** amendment.

#### **IMPORTANT ACTION REQUIRED**

**You are required to pay the major amendment fee before the application can progress.**

**AND**

**You must provide public notification for the amendment application at the same time as notification for the resource tenure.**



**You must provide public notification within 9 business days of the information stage ending, which is either:**

**If an information request is given, 9 business days after you have provided the necessary information in response to the request; or**

**If no information request is given, within 29 business days from the application stage ending (from when the application is properly made, and any additional fees are paid).**

### **3. Reasons for the decision**

Section 223 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* defines a major amendment for an environmental authority as an amendment that is not a minor amendment. Section 223 further defines a minor amendment (threshold). The proposed amendment is considered unable to meet the definition of a minor amendment (threshold) part (d):

*c) does not significantly increase the scale or intensity of the relevant activity.*

Therefore, the application will be assessed as a major amendment.

Justification:

- 1) At present, the environmental authority authorises 1.4ha of exploration drilling utilising drill pads limited to 1400m<sup>2</sup> each.
- 2) The amendment proposes an additional disturbance area of 11.80ha associated with the establishment of 19 drill pads. The dimensions of each drill pad will be 80m X 80m or 6400m<sup>2</sup> each.
- 3) The amendment is therefore proposing to increase the scale of the relevant activity.
- 4) In proposing to undertake the relevant activity on a larger scale, both in terms of total area disturbed, and the increase in size of each discrete drill pad, additional impacts will occur to environmental values.
- 5) The increasing impacts to environmental values due to the change in how the relevant activity will be carried out is considered to be a significant increase in the scale of the relevant activity.
- 6) The emissions estimated to be generated by the project range between 706,770 and 811,360 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e.
- 7) These emissions are considered to be generated as part of carrying out the relevant activity.
- 8) These emissions represent an increase in the intensity of the relevant activity.
- 9) The information supplied within the supporting document 'Environmental Authority Amendment Application and Supporting Report' and its appendices does not demonstrate that the increase in the intensity of the relevant activity is not significant.
- 10) Therefore, the project is considered to propose a significant increase in the intensity of the relevant activity.

### **4. Assessment fee**

The administering authority has determined that the proposed amendment is a major amendment and further fees for the assessment of this application are required to be paid.

The assessment fee for a major amendment is 30% of the annual fee for the environmental authority that is the subject of the application prescribed under Schedule 15, Part 2, Item 9 of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2019*.

The assessment fee to be paid is identified on the attached invoice along with payment methods.

Under section 229(2)(b) of the EP Act, the amendment application will not be assessed until the assessment fee is paid.

## **5. Notification stage applies**

The notification stage in Chapter 5, Part 4 of the EP Act will apply to this amendment application.

You are required to give public notice of your application within 9 business days of the information stage ending, which is either:

- If an information request is given, 9 business days after you have provided the necessary information in response to the request; or
- If no information request is given, within 29 business days from the application stage ending (from when the application is properly made and any additional fees are paid).

To give public notification you will need to:

1. Complete the approved form using the [Application Notice \(ESR/2016/2378\)](#);
2. Publish using local or widely read media and communication channels;
3. Ensure relevant application documents are available on your company website;
4. Nominate a submission period, which is taken as ending 20 business days after the date the application notice is published, unless otherwise fixed by the administering authority through written notification prior to the application notice being published;
5. Provide the administering authority a [Declaration of compliance for public notice requirements for resource activities \(ESR/2015/1622\)](#) 5 business days following the end of the submission period.

Further information on public notification can be accessed at [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au) using the search term 'public notification requirements for environmental authority applications' and within the guideline [Public notice requirements for resource activities other than mining \(ESR/2016/2384\)](#)..

In addition to your public notification requirements, the administering authority will publish the application documents online for the access period.


## **6. Human rights**

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision/action and it was determined that **no human rights are engaged by the decision.**

## **7. 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 any future internal review decisions 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.

Should you have any questions in relation to this notice, please contact the administering authority using the contact details provided below.



Signature

1/10/2024

Date

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**Attachments**

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

Assessment fee invoice