

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Information request for an amendment application for an environmental authority

This notice is issued by the administering authority¹ pursuant to sections 140 and 232 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to request further information needed to assess an amendment application for an environmental authority.

To: BHP Coal Pty Ltd,
BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd,
Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd,
QCT Investment Pty Ltd,
QCT Mining Pty Ltd,
QCT Resources Pty Limited and
Umal Consolidated Pty Ltd
Level 23, Riparian Plaza
71 Eagle Street
BRISBANE CITY QLD 4000

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Your reference: EPML00853413
Our reference: 174132

Further information needed to decide an amendment application for an environmental authority

1. Application details

The amendment application for an environmental authority, made by BHP Coal Pty Ltd, BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd, QCT Investment Pty Ltd, QCT Mining Pty Ltd, QCT Resources Pty Limited and Umal Consolidated Pty Ltd was received by the administering authority on 3 December 2015.

The application reference number is: EPML00853413.

Land description: ML1763; ML1764; ML1802; ML1900; ML70038; ML70121; ML70193; ML70194; ML70287; ML70288; ML70289; ML70421 SA1 (part); ML70468; ML70469; ML70493; ML70494; ML700003.

¹ The Director-General of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is the administering authority under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

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2. Information request

Thank you for your application. The administering authority is unable to make a decision on your application as insufficient information has been provided. In order to make a decision, the administering authority requires the information set out below:

- As the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) has previously assessed the Isaac River diversion to be in poor condition, the administering authority requires more information regarding the proactive management strategies that will be adopted and implemented to ensure the structural integrity of the diversion is not compromised as a result of the proposed activities;
- Further information must be provided regarding the current and potential cumulative impacts on the Isaac River diversion. In particular, any releases or impacts from the Red Hill Project directly upstream must be considered;
- Clarification must be provided in relation to the direction of longwall panel mining when comparing *Figure 2.1 Broadmeadow Mine Existing Operations* located within the *Subsidence Management Plan* and *Figure 2.2 Project Components* located in the letter titled, *Goonyella Riverside and Broadmeadow Mines Environmental Authority Amendment Application* dated 27 November 2015; and
- Further to the point above, the potential impacts of the direction of the longwall panels must be considered including avulsion.

3. Actions

To respond to this information request, you must take one of the following actions:

- a) give the administering authority all of the information requested
- b) give the administering authority part of the information requested together with a written notice asking the administering authority to proceed with the assessment of the application
- c) give the administering authority a written notice:
 - i. stating that none of the information requested is intended to be supplied, and
 - ii. asking that the administering authority proceed with the assessment of the application.

A response to the information requested must be provided 20 June 2016.

If you do not provide a response, your application will lapse unless the information response period is extended. A request to extend the information response period must be made at least 10 business days before the date the response is due to be provided.


The response to this information request or a request to extend the information response period can be submitted to the administering authority using the details below:

Business Centre (Coal)
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
PO Box 3028
EMERALD QLD 4720
CRMining@ehp.qld.gov.au

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If the information provided in response to this information request is still not adequate for the administering authority to make a decision, your application may be refused as a result of section 176 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, where the administering authority must have regard to any response given for an information request.



Signature

22 January 2016

Date

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Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

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