

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Information request

This information request is issued by the administering authority under section 140 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to request further information needed to assess an amendment application for a site-specific environmental authority.

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Reference: EPPG00928713 (APP0061347)

Further information is required to assess an amendment application for a site-specific environmental authority

1. Application details

The amendment application for a site-specific environmental authority was received by the administering authority on 1 October 2020.

The application reference number is: APP0061347

Land description: ATP526, PL100, PL1017, PL232, PL233, PL234, PL235, PL236, PL420, PL421, PL440, PL90, PL91, PL92, PL99, PPL92, PPL76, ATP2012

2. Information request

The administering authority has considered the abovementioned application and is writing to inform you that further information is required to assess the application (an information request).

The information requested is provided below:

- **Low Point Drains' (LPDs) Wastewater Release Raw Data**

Please provide a complete dataset regarding the low point drains' release water qualities, release volumes, frequencies of release and release locations.

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The proposed amendment relates to approximately 1149 existing LPDs. These release varying quantities of water with various qualities across the entire project area. The application provides a summarised description of the data which is not sufficient in order to assess the potential environmental harm across a variety of environmental values. Raw data or suitable meta-data must be provided to enable the assessment of information presented in the application. The aforementioned data must include at a minimum, for each LPD wastewater release, the approximate date, amount, quality and location. A detailed map which shows the location of all of the LPDs and the receiving waters of the project area must also be provided.

- **Assessment Against Relevant Guidelines**

The application does not include adequate information to understand the potential impact of the proposed releases on the receiving environment.

The receiving environment, including the location of semi-permanent waterways, wetlands, recreational uses etc. and the potential short-term and long-term cumulative impacts must be characterised with reference to the applicable guidance material. For each LPD wastewater release, all measured indicators (TRH, BTEX, Metals and Metalloids, EC, pH etc.) must be compared to all relevant guidelines including ANZG 2018 for the protection of aquatic ecosystems 95% species protection, and the applicable Water Quality Objectives.

Please provide the assessment of each discharge against the applicable guidelines, policies and reference material:

- ANZG 2018. *Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality*. Australian and New Zealand Governments and Australian state and territory governments, Canberra ACT, Australia. Available at www.waterquality.gov.au/anz-guidelines
- DES (2018). *Technical guideline - Licensing - Wastewater release to Queensland waters (ESR/2015/1654 Version 2.02)*. Department of Environment and Science (DES), Queensland Government, Brisbane.

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The provided assessment of LPD wastewater release remains more aligned with a land-based assessment than an application to release to waters. The application still uses irrigation guidelines rather than ANZG 2018 aquatic ecosystems guidelines. It should be noted that while many of the release locations may be ephemeral systems, these remain classed as 'waters' under *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and should be assessed considered as such.

3. Actions

The abovementioned application will lapse unless you respond by giving the administering authority -

- (a) all of the information requested; or
- (b) part of the information requested together with a written notice asking the authority to proceed with the assessment of the application; or
- (c) a written notice –
 - i. stating that you do not intend to supply any of the information requested; and
 - ii. asking the administering authority to proceed with the assessment of the application.

A response to the information requested must be provided by 12 July 2021 (the information response period). If you wish to extend the information response period, a request to extend the period must be made at least 10 business days before the last day of the information response period.

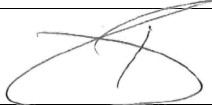
The response to this information request or a request to extend the information response period can be submitted to the administering authority by email to EnergyandExtractive@des.qld.gov.au.

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.

4. 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. Information about your review rights is attached to this notice. This information is guidance only and you may have other legal rights and obligations.

If you require more information, please contact Forough Ghasemi, the Project Manager, on the telephone number (07) 3330 6020.



Signature

12/01/2021

Date

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Attachments

Information sheet: Internal review and appeals (ESR/2015/1742)