

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Decision about application for an environmental authority

This statutory notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 198 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to advise you of a decision on your application for an environmental authority.

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Our reference: P-EA-101041374

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1 Application details

The application for an environmental authority was received by the administering authority on 3 December 2025.

Application reference number: A-EA-NEW-101041353

Land description: adjacent to 8/SP357923, State coastal land (being the Daintree River), 362 Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree, 4873.

2 Decision

The administering authority has decided to approve the application subject to conditions including condition(s) that have not been agreed to in writing.

The conditions that were not agreed to by the applicant are outlined below:

Recommended Condition	Applicant Request
<p>Condition G11.0</p> <p>At least 10 business days prior to commencing a dredge operation, written notification must be provided to the administering authority of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Commencement date of the dredge operation; and b) Footprint of the area subject to the dredge operation; and c) Quantity of material (in tonnes) subject to the dredge operation; and d) Expected end date of the dredge operation. 	Removal of item (c)
<p>Condition WT2.0</p> <p>Water quality monitoring</p>	Minimum monitoring frequency change to minimum once daily during dredging.

Water quality monitoring must occur during the **activity**.
 Water quality monitoring must be in accordance with *Table 3 – Water quality release limits*.

Table 3 – water quality monitoring

Monitoring Points	Quality Characteristics	Type	Minimum monitoring frequency
Background site (B) 500 meters up current of dredging site in Daintree River	Dissolved Oxygen Turbidity pH Temperature Secchi	% saturation NTU pH °C M	Minimum twice daily, mid flood tide and mid ebb tide during dredging
Impacted Site (1) 500 metres down current of dredging site in Daintree River.			

Associated monitoring requirements

1. Monitoring must be in accordance with the methods prescribed in the current edition of the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation *Monitoring and Sampling Manual*.
2. Water and sediment samples must be representative of the general condition of the water body or sediments.
3. All determinations must employ analytical practical quantification limits of sufficient sensitivity to enable comparisons to be made against water quality objectives/triggers/limits relevant to the particular water or sediment quality characteristic.
4. All monitoring devices must be calibrated and maintained according to the manufacturer’s instruction manual.

3 Reasons for the decision

- (a) The decision complies with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, ensuring that statutory obligations to protect the environment and prevent harm are upheld.
- (b) The conditions imposed on the environmental authority are based on relevant and verified material facts, ensuring they are proportionate to the identified risks and impacts, evidence-based, and directly address the identified environmental risks and impacts.
- (c) Procedural fairness and the principles of natural justice were upheld throughout the decision-making process, ensuring that all parties were provided with a fair opportunity to present their case and that the decision was made impartially and based on relevant evidence.
- (d) The conditions are considered necessary and desirable to achieve the object of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

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4 Annual fee

The first annual fee is payable within 20 business days of the effective date shown in the attached environmental authority.

The anniversary day of this environmental authority is the same day each year as the effective date. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

5 Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision/action and it was determined that the decision is compatible with human rights.

6 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 decision to the relevant 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 about the notice, please contact Permits and Licencing using the details provided below.



Signature

28/4/2026

Date

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Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Attachments

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