Application form

*Environmental Protection Act 1994*

Site-specific application for an environmental authority for ERA 13A – Commercial cropping and horticulture in the Great Barrier Reef catchment

This is the approved form to make a site-specific application for an environmental authority (EA) under sections 124 and 125 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) for an environmentally relevant activity (ERA) 13A which is prescribed under section 19 of the EP Act.

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| It is recommended that prior to making this application you make a pre-lodgement meeting with the department to understand what information you need to provide with your application. To book a pre-lodgement meeting please complete and lodge the form [Application for pre-lodgement services (ESR/2015/1664)](https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/management/licences-permits/application-for-pre-lodgement-services).  If you require additional assistance in providing a response to any part of this form or have any questions about your application please contact the department by emailing [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au) or phoning 1300 130 372 (select option 4).  You may also complete this application form online through Online Services (preferred method). Available at: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/online-services>. |

**Only use this application form if you are applying for a new site-specific environmental authority (EA) for ERA 13A:**

☒ All applicants are registered as suitable operators[[1]](#footnote-2). A suitable operator is a person or a corporation assessed under section 318I of the EP Act as being suitable to carry out an ERA and is listed on the suitable operator register.

☒ The only ERA being applied for is 13A - Commercial cropping and horticulture in the Great Barrier Reef catchment. If you are applying for an ERA 13A along with another ERA, please use the application forms for prescribed environmentally relevant activities by contacting the department emailing [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au) or phoning 1300 130 372 (select option 4).

**Privacy statement**

The Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (the Department) is collecting the information on this form in accordance with and as authorised by Chapter 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

Pursuant to section 540 of the EP Act, the Department is required to maintain a register of certain documents and information authorised under the EP Act. A copy of this document will be kept on the public register. The register is available for inspection by members of the public who are able take extracts, or copies of the documents from the register. Documents that are required to be kept on the register are published in their entirety, unless alteration is required by the EP Act. There is no general discretion allowing the Department to withhold documents or information required to be kept on the public register. For more information on the Department’s public register, search ‘public register’ at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au). For queries about privacy matters please email [privacy@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:privacy@des.qld.gov.au) or telephone 13 74 68.

**The fields marked with an asterisk \* are mandatory, if they are not completed then your application may be considered not properly made under section 128 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.**

# Payment of fees

You are required to pay an application fee at the time of application.

Lodgement from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. The application fee is\*: **$957.00**

Lodgement from 1 July 2025 onwards, please contact the department for the fee amount.

Please select your payment method for the application fee below:

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| Preferred | |
|  | Apply using [Online Services](https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/online-services) – submit the application online and pay by credit card. |
| Alternatively | |
|  | Email the completed application with a request to pay the application fee by Bpoint.  Please do not email your credit card details – we will send you a link to pay securely by credit card via BPoint. |

# Applicant details

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| Is there more than one applicant? **\*** | No—provide applicant’s details below.  Yes—provide the principal applicant’s details below and all other applicants’ details in Attachment 1—*“Joint applicants and appointment of principal applicant”* | |
| Name - individual or contact person if applicant is an organisation**\*** | | Suitable Operator Reference Number\* |
| Organisation name, including any trading name (**\***if an organisation) | | ABN/ACN (**\***if an organisation) |
| Residential or registered business address (not a post office box)**\*** | | Phone**\*** |
| Postal address (if same as above, write “AS ABOVE”)**\*** | | Facsimile |
| Email | | Indicate if you want to receive correspondence via email |

## Nomination of an agent for this application

I/we nominate the below agent to act on my/our behalf and to receive correspondence relating to this application. For example, a consultant or company preparing the application on the applicant’s behalf. All departmental correspondence relating to the assessment of applications will be directed to the application contact, however, if the application results in the issuing of a relevant authority, the relevant authority will be sent to the applicant.

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| Do you want to nominate an agent for this application?\*  No → Go to *Question 3*  Yes → Complete the agent’s details here. | |
| Name of agent – individual or contact person if agent is an organisation | |
| Organisation name, including trading name if an organisation | ABN/ACN (if an organisation) |
| Postal address | Phone |
| Email | Indicate if you do not want to receive correspondence via email |

# Description of land where the ERA will be carried out

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| Number\* | Street Name\* | |
| Suburb/Town\* | | Postcode\* |
| Real Property Description\*  Lot        Plan | | |

Where there is more than one location list all locations below:

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| Number\* | Street Name\* | |
| Suburb/Town\* | | Postcode\* |
| Real Property Description\*  Lot       Plan | | |

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| Number\* | Street Name\* | |
| Suburb/Town\* | | Postcode\* |
| Real Property Description\*  Lot       Plan | | |

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| Number\* | Street Name\* | |
| Suburb/Town\* | | Postcode\* |
| Real Property Description\*  Lot        Plan | | |

# Details of contaminated land

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| Is there a site management plan in effect for contaminated land that relates to the land that is the subject of this application?\*  Site management plan, for relevant land, means a plan for managing the environmental harm that may be caused by the hazardous contaminant contaminating the land by applying conditions to the use or development of, or activities carried out on, the land. Activities that may have resulted in a site management plan being relevant to your site include washing out tanks and aircraft used for aerial spraying and livestock dip or spray race operations. | | | | |
| No | Go to *Question 5*. | | | |
| Yes | Description of land\* | | | |
| Lot and plan number(s) | | | Local Government Area\* |
| Lot  Lot | Plan  Plan |  | |

# Assessment of the environmental impact

You must attach to this application an assessment of the likely impact of the proposed amendment on environmental values.\*

In accordance with section 125 of the EP Act the assessment of the likely impact of the proposed amendment on the environmental values only includes the following matters, and is **only to the extent the matters relate to fine sediment, or dissolved inorganic nitrogen, entering the water of the Great Barrier Reef or Great Barrier Reef catchment waters:**

* a description of the environmental values likely to be affected by each relevant activity
* details of any emissions or releases likely to be generated by each relevant activity
* a description of the risk and likely magnitude of impacts on the environmental values
* details of the management practices proposed to be implemented to prevent or minimise adverse impacts

The guideline [Applying for an environmentally authority to undertake commercial cropping and horticulture (ESR/2021/5614)](https://www.desi.qld.gov.au/policies?a=272936:policy_registry/era-13a-applicant-guide.pdf) provides additional information regarding minimum information you should provide with your application. The guideline can be obtained online (link above), or by emailing [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au) or phoning 1300 130 372 (and selecting option 4).

**I have attached an assessment of the environmental impact and specific supporting information.**

# Take effect date

You may nominate when the EA will take effect should it be approved. The date the environmental authority takes effect will be the date from which you can commence the activities.

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| Do you want the EA to take effect on the decision date or nominated date?\* | |
| Decision date | The take effect date will be the date of the decision. |
| Nominated date | Details of nominated take effect date: |

# Applicant declaration

I declare that the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that it is an offence under sections 480 and 480A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to give information that I know is false, misleading or incomplete in a material particular.

I will comply with all conditions on my environmental authority as well as any relevant provisions in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994.*

I understand that I am responsible for managing the environmental impacts of these activities, and that approval of this application is not an endorsement by the administering authority of the effectiveness of the management practices proposed or implemented.

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| Applicant’s full name\* | Applicant’s position\* |
| Applicant’s signature\* | Date\* |

**Submit your completed application:**

**via email to:** [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au) **or:**

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| **Post:**  Permit and Licence Management  Department of Environment, Science and Innovation  GPO Box 2454  BRISBANE QLD 4001 |  | **Further information:**  [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au)  Email: [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@desi.qld.gov.au)  Phone: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) |

**Attachment 1**

Joint applicants and appointment of principal applicant

We are joint applicants for this environmental authority application and hereby appoint                 as the principal applicant to receive statutory documents relating to this application.

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| Name - individual or contact person if applicant is an organisation\* | Suitable Operator Reference Number\* |
| Organisation name, including trading name (\*if an organisation) | ABN/ACN (\*if an organisation) |
| Residential or registered business address (not a post office box)\* | Phone\* |
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| Signature\* | Date\* |

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| Name - individual or contact person if applicant is an organisation\* | Suitable Operator Reference Number\* |
| Business name including trading name (\*if an organisation) | ABN/ACN (\*if an organisation) |
| Residential or registered business address (not a post office box)\* | Phone\* |
| Postal address (if same as above, state “AS ABOVE”)\* | Facsimile |
| Email\* | Indicate if you want to receive correspondence via email |
| Signature\* | Date\* |

1. Your EA application must be refused if you are not a registered suitable operator when the application is decided. To become a registered suitable operator, apply using the form [Application to be a registered suitable operator (ESR/2015/1771)](https://www.desi.qld.gov.au/policies?a=272936:policy_registry/era-ap-registered-suitable-operator.docx). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)