Environmental Protection Act 1994

Standard 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 standard application for an environmental authority under sections 122 and 125 of the* Environmental Protection Act 1994 *(EP Act) for 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). 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). |

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| For applications to the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation, you can apply through Online Services at: <https://business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/online-services>.  **Note:** For applications to the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation, the only way to pay fees by credit card is by completing the application through Online Services. |

**Only use this application form if you are applying for an environmental authority for ERA 13A where:**

* 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 ERA 13A along with another ERA please use the application forms for prescribed ERAs by contacting the department by emailing [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au) or phoning 1300 130 372 (select option 4).
* You can meet all of the eligibility criteria for ERA 13A and accept all standard conditions for ERA 13A.

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| **Eligibility criteria taken from the ERA Standard – ERA 13A (ESR/2020/5277):**  **a) The commercial cropping and horticulture will be undertaken on no more than 100 hectares of land in a particular river basin; or**  **b) The commercial cropping and horticulture is banana cultivation that is being relocated due to the presence of Panama disease tropical race 4 on other land for which a Notice has been given under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld).** |

**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). Some of the information may be disclosed to the Department of Resources and Queensland Treasury for the purpose of processing this application.

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 2023 to 30 June 2024. The application fee is\*: **$729.00**

Lodgement from 1 July 2024 onwards, please contact the department for the fee amount.

Please select your payment method for the application fee below:

Cheque or money order payable to the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (enclosed with application form posted to GPO Box number below)

For credit card payments you must complete the application using Online Services at <https://business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/online-services>

# 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 Address | | Indicate if you want to receive correspondence via email |

## Nomination of an agent for this application (application contact)

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 Address\* | Indicate if you want to receive correspondence via email |

# Description of land where the ERA will be carried out

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| Real Property Description\*  Lot       Plan |

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

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| Real Property Description  Lot       Plan |

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| Real Property Description  Lot       Plan |

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| Real Property Description  Lot       Plan |

# 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 a 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 declare that I have read the ERA standard and the relevant activity complies with the eligibility criteria.

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 (\*if an organisation) |
| 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\* |
| Postal address (if same as above, state “AS ABOVE”) \* | Facsimile |
| Email | Indicate if you want to receive correspondence via email |
| Signature\* | Date\* |

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| 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” (available at www.qld.gov.au, using the publication number ESR/2015/1771 as a search term). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)