

Checklist

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Assessment of eligibility for a single project environmental authority for a level 2 mining project

NOTES:

1. For operations carried out under multiple existing environmental authorities for level 2 mining projects to be considered a single integrated operation the following checklist must be completed.
2. 'Yes' responses are needed for the administering authority to consider the application for amalgamation of environmental authorities.
3. The administering authority will provide guidance to applicants prior to an application being made but will not amend or correct applications once they have been lodged.

Tenure Number:

<All tenure numbers to be included on the single integrated operation>

APPLICANT:

<enter the name of the person who is making the application and to whom all correspondence is mailed>

Section 1 – Do the combined operations under the environmental authorities proposed to be amalgamated meet the requirements for a single integrated operation?

Note: An environmental authority for a level 2 mining project can only be issued for more than one mining tenement where the mining activities are genuinely carried out as a single integrated operation.

The administering authority has determined that in order to qualify as a single integrated operation all of the following must apply:

- There must be more than one environmental authority;
- There must be a common holder for all of the environmental authorities that are proposed to be amalgamated;
- The activities carried out on each tenement covered by the environmental authorities to be amalgamated must be managed on a day to day basis as a single integrated operation by the same supervisor¹;
- There is no tribute mining² carried out on some of the mining tenements in the integrated operation;
- All mining tenements comprising the mining project lie wholly within the boundary of a 500 km diameter circle.

Responding to the following questions will assist applicants and the administering authority to decide whether these requirements can be met for any particular application.

A "Yes" answer is required for questions 1 to 4 in section 1 for the proposed project to qualify as a single integrated operation.

¹ This does not mean that the supervisor must be on each of the included tenements daily, rather that it is demonstrable that the supervisor is able to respond to incidents and oversee activities on all of the mining tenures that are authorised by the mining project environmental authority. The department's expectation is that a supervisor will be capable of responding to an incident on the day that it occurs, and that the supervisor will be the single point of contact for all management issues that could arise on any one of the included tenures. For a single integrated operation there can only be one supervisor at any time.

² A tribute miner works someone else's mining lease or mining claim under an agreement where the tribute miner sells the mineral produced and pays a fee (tribute) to the lease or claim holder.

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<p>1. Is there a common holder named on each of the environmental authorities that form part of the amendment application?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The environmental authorities to be amalgamated into a single project environmental authority may have multiple holders, but there must be at least one common holder across all of the environmental authorities for the project to be considered a single integrated operation. ○ The names of all of the holders of the environmental authorities that are to be amalgamated must appear on any new single project environmental authority. ○ If the environmental authorities that are part of the amendment application contain different tenure types they can still be included in a single project environmental authority. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. The activities carried out on each tenement associated with the environmental authorities that form part of the amendment application must be managed on a day to day basis as a single integrated operation by the same supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Day to day management means that the supervisor must manage the daily operations on each tenement. This does not mean that the supervisor must be on each tenement daily, rather that they must be able to respond to incidents and oversee activities on all of the mining tenures within the 500 km diameter circle. ○ The supervisor must be capable of responding to incidents on the day that they occur, and be the single point of contact for all management issues that could arise on any of the included tenements. ○ For a single integrated operation there can only be one supervisor at any time. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>3. There is no tribute mining carried out on any of the tenements associated with the environmental authorities to be amalgamated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Separate environmental authorities are more appropriate for the regulatory oversight of tribute mining arrangements. Tribute mining is a more common arrangement for level 1 mining projects. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>4. Do the tenements that are associated with the environmental authorities to be amalgamated, lie wholly within the boundary of a 500 km diameter circle?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To qualify as a single integrated operation, tenements must be wholly located within the boundary of a 500 km diameter circle (see attached diagram). Any tenement that is partly or wholly outside the circle will not be accepted as qualifying for inclusion in a single project environmental authority. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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<p>Section 2 – Do the combined operations under the environmental authorities proposed to be amalgamated, continue to meet the requirements for a level 2 mining project?</p> <p>Note: An environmental authority for a level 2 mining project can only be issued for more than one mining tenement where the mining activities across all of the included mining tenements continue to satisfy the criteria for a level 2 mining project.</p> <p>Where the criteria for a level 2 mining project are exceeded, the included tenements would become a level 1 mining project and would have to satisfy the relevant requirements of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i>.</p> <p>An applicant may choose to reduce the number of environmental authorities that are amalgamated into a single mining project environmental authority so that the requirements for a level 2 mining project are met.</p> <p>A “Yes” answer is required for questions 5 and 6 in section 2 for the proposed project to be a level 2 mining project.</p>	
<p>5. Do or will the mining activities on the mining tenures, forming the proposed mining project, cause less than 10 ha of land to be significantly disturbed at any one time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See Part 3, Division 1, section 28 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 for the definition for significantly disturbed land. ○ Land will be significantly disturbed if it requires human intervention to rehabilitate it, and it requires human intervention if the disturbance has made the land more susceptible to erosion, diminished its land use capability or suitability, or significantly reduced the quality of downstream waters. ○ Significantly disturbed land includes all of the land affected by mining activities, including access tracks, lay down areas, water storages, camp sites, mine workings and waste rock or overburden dumps. ○ Tracks developed on mining tenures for the purpose of accessing mine workings are included in the area of significantly disturbed land. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>6. Do or will the mining activities on the mining tenures, forming the proposed mining project, meet the criteria for level 2 mining projects in sections 30 to 32 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The mining activities are not, or will not, be carried out by more than 20 persons at any one time. ○ The mining activities do not, or will not, at any one time, cause more than 5ha of a riverine area or mine workings to be significantly disturbed. ○ The mining activities do, or will not, include– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – an environmentally relevant activity to which a section of schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 applies and for which there is an aggregate environmental score; – a level 1 chapter 5A activity (petroleum activity and greenhouse gas storage activity). ○ The mining activities do or will result in less than 20 m³ of any substance being extracted from each kilometre of a riverine area affected by the mining activities in a year. ○ Any other requirements in the criteria listed in sections 30 to 32 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 that are relevant to the amalgamation. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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Single project environmental authority for a level 2 mining project (Section 1(4) refers)

Boundary of a single integrated mining operation 500 km diameter circle)

