

22nd April 2026

Attn: Lauren Sharpe
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Dear Lauren,

Environmental Authority P-EA-100421677 Amendment Application

I refer to your information request received on 20th April 2026 in relation to this EA amendment application.

1. Category B environmentally sensitive area (ESA).
 - a. Indicate where activities will be undertaken in relation to the Category B ESA known as ERE 11.4.8/11.11.2 and confirm the buffer distance from the Category B ESA.

Response: Figure 1 shows the potential mine areas at the closest point to the ERE from the western boundary measuring approximately 108m. Note the area is variably mineralised with runs of gold bearing material more likely to be found in the deeper soil/gravel profiles. It is unlikely that the whole area of the mining lease will ultimately be mined, however the areas to be mined cannot be predicted with any certainty until operations begin. It must therefore be assumed that the whole of the mining lease area will be mined at this stage.

- b. Considerations of the potential impacts on the Category B ESA known as ERE 11.4.8/11.11.2.

Response: The land slopes gently in a north westerly direction from the western mining lease boundary with a fall of no more than 10m in 300m. Discharge of sediment and/or dirty water if unchecked could flow in a north westerly direction and potentially impact on the mapped ERE areas to the west of the mining lease boundary. Any flow in the direction of the ERE would however be impeded by the current heavy vegetation, following a record-breaking wet season. Any flow would be unlikely to impact on the ERE in the current situation. In other circumstances following drought conditions and/or fires, flow of sediment and/or dirty water could potentially reach and impact the ERE.

- c. Management strategies to reduce the impact from mining activities on the Category B ESA known as ERE 11.4.8/11.11.2.

Response: The intention is to ensure care is taken in mining areas within 200m of the ERE areas denoted in pink hatching. These areas will only be mined in the dry season between May and October and rehabilitation will be completed before 30th November each year. Mine excavations will be relatively small with areas of 50m x 50m.



In all cases the overburden will be placed around the downslope side of each excavation such that run-off is contained and not allowed to flow outside of the mining lease boundary and certainly not in the direction of the mapped EREs. Clean water would be diverted from the upstream side of any disturbed areas effectively reducing the volume of affected water that would need to be contained within open excavations.

Rehabilitation will involve:

- Excavation of any topsoil and organic matter on surface and stack in an area away from the progression of excavations.
- Excavate overburden ("waste") and stack typically on the side of the current excavation site. The overburden will be placed around the downslope side of each excavation such that run-off is contained and not allowed to flow outside of the mining lease boundary.
- Excavate overburden until the top of the auriferous gravels.
- Detect for nuggety gold in the auriferous gravels.
- Excavate auriferous gravels and stack on the side and feed into the mobile wet/dry plant if sufficiently mineralised.
- Once all auriferous gravels are excavated/treated in the current site, rehabilitate the area by backfilling with overburden material.
- Trim and level the ground before returning topsoil and pushing over previously cleared vegetation.
- Stockpiled cleared vegetation is used as a surface protective cover for the completed rehabilitation and combined with preserved topsoil this has provided good seed supply and regrowth over the last few years in similar areas.
- Maintain clean water diversions until the land is stabilised and revegetated.

2. Releases.

- a. Provide an updated application and justification to demonstrate mining activities comply with condition B8 of the ERA Standard.

Response: The information provided in this document is considered an addendum to the application information previously provided. The management actions regarding the control of the mine excavations and associated disturbance will result in no direct or indirect releases of wastewater from the mine or process plant to any watercourse, waterway, groundwater, wetland or lake. Any references to 'releases of dirty water and sediment will be minor' in the application material should be replaced with 'There will no release of dirty water and sediment from the mine area or associated disturbance.'

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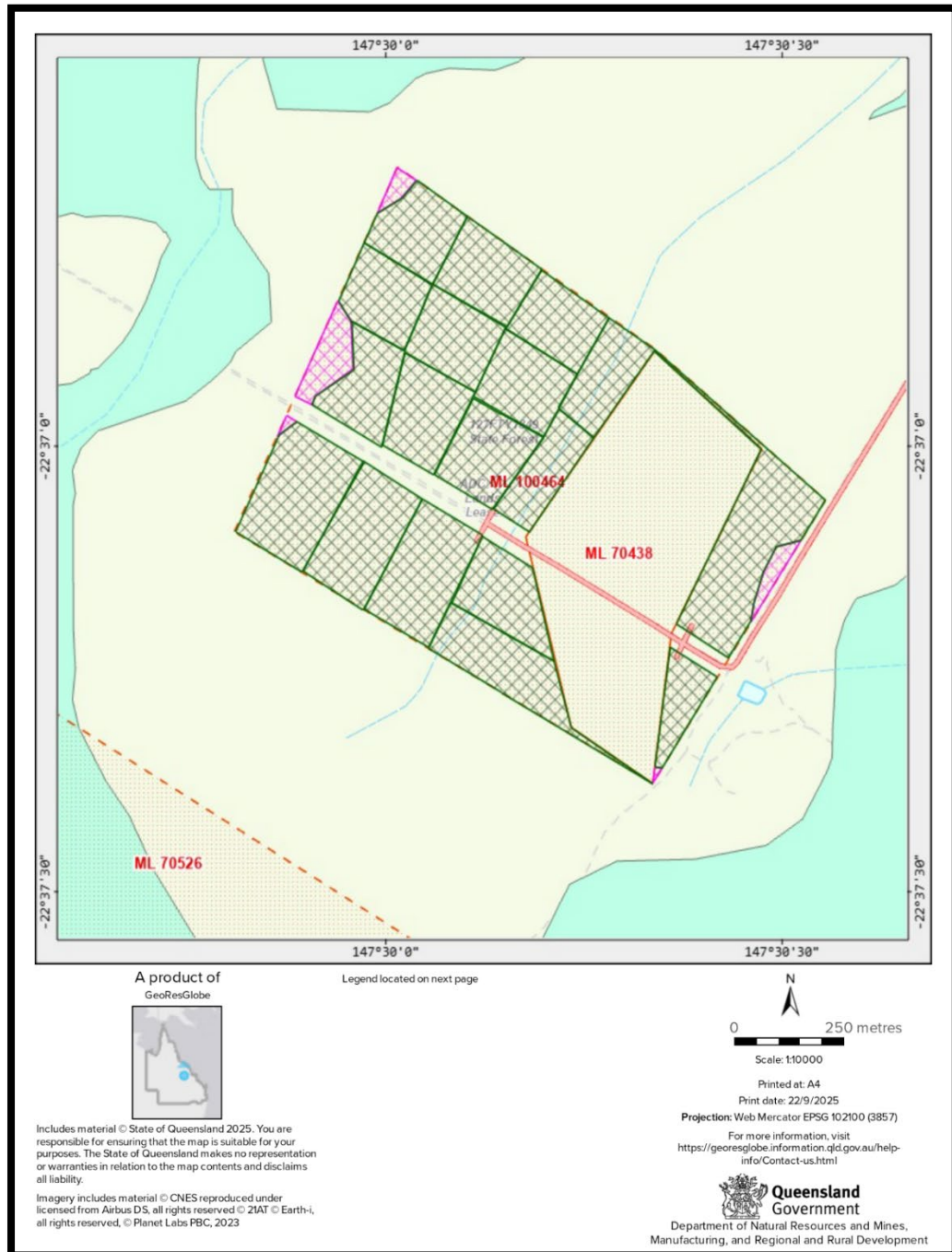
Yours sincerely,

Rod Coe
Authorised Holders Representative

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Figure 1 – shows the potential areas to be mined with the 200m buffer zones in pink



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