

Notice

Water Act 2000

Notice of approval of UWIR

This statutory notice is issued by the chief executive¹ pursuant to section 385(4) of the Water Act 2000 to advise you of the decision to approve your underground water impact report.

Harcourt (Queensland LLC),
Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd
Westside Mungji Pty Ltd

C\ - Westside Mungji Pty Ltd
HSBC Level 17 300
Queen Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Your reference: UWIR PL1048 and PL1049

Our reference: 101/0048263-001(E)

Attention: Mark Rodiger, mark.rodiger@westsidecorporation.com

Dear Mark,

Re: Notice of approval of underground water impact report

The chief executive received the underground water impact report described below.

1. Report details

Date underground water impact report received: 15 August 2025

In relation to: PL1048 & PL1049

2. Decision

The chief executive has approved the underground water impact report with conditions. Please find attached the conditions of approval (Attachment A). The approved report takes effect on 7 November 2025.

3. Public notice

As per section 386 of the *Water Act 2000*, within 10 business days after receiving this notice of approval, you must:

- publish a notice about the approval on your website that states that copies of the approved report may be obtained from you and how the copies may be obtained; and
- give a copy of this notice of approval to each bore owner of a water bore within the area to which the report relates.

¹ The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation is the chief executive for Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000*.

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Within 15 business days after receiving this notice of approval, you must advise the chief executive that you have complied with the requirements outlined above.

4. Penalties

Under section 386(1) of the *Water Act 2000*, failure to comply with this direction notice is an offence.

- A maximum penalty for an individual is 50 penalty units, totalling \$8,345.
- A maximum penalty for a corporation is 250 penalty units, totalling \$41,725.

5. Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision/action and it was determined that no human rights are engaged by the decision.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please contact Micheal Thouard on the telephone number listed below.

Yours sincerely,



Signature

Hannah Stevens

A/Manager
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and
Innovation
Delegate of the chief executive
Water Act 2000

7 November 2025

Date

Enquiries:

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Attachments

Attachment A - Conditions of approval

Attachment A- Conditions of approval

Annual Review

- (1) The responsible entity must submit to the chief executive a summary of the annual review required under section 376(e)(ii) of the *Water Act 2000*, within 20 business days after each anniversary day, or another date agreed to in writing by the chief executive. The annual review must provide an analysis and a statement of whether there has been a material change in the information or predictions used to determine the areas included in the UWIR in accordance with sections 376(1)(b)(iv) and (v) of the *Water Act 2000*.

Monitoring

- (2) All monitoring required of the responsible entity under the UWIR must be undertaken by a suitably qualified person.
- (3) All laboratory analyses and tests of monitoring undertaken under the UWIR must be carried out by a laboratory that has NATA accreditation for such analyses and tests.
- (4) Notwithstanding condition (3), where there are no laboratories that have NATA accreditation for a specific analyte or substance, then duplicate samples must be sent to at least two separate laboratories for independent testing or evaluation.
- (5) The methods of groundwater sampling required by the UWIR must comply with the latest edition of the *Queensland Monitoring and Sampling Manual, AS/NZS 5667:11 1998 Water Sampling Guidelines – Part 11 Guidance on sampling groundwater*, and the Australian Government's *Groundwater Sampling and Analysis – A Field Guide (2009:27 GeoCat #6890.1)* as relevant as may change from time to time.
- (6) The volume of produced water must be monitored and recorded and provided to the relevant authority in the form of an annual report.
- (7) The actual groundwater take must be assessed as per the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004, requirements and compared to the predicted groundwater take presented in the most recent UWIR annually.
- (8) If the monitoring program shows groundwater take exceeds the predictions presented in the UWIR, an investigation must be undertaken to confirm whether the actual impacts on groundwater users or environmental values, as defined under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation, are likely to be significantly greater than expected.

The investigation outcomes are to be considered as part of the annual UWIR review

- (9) The following groundwater management monitoring and measurement measures must be implemented:
 - (a) Groundwater monitoring is to be conducted on water supply bores screened within the Rewan Group or Baralaba Coal Measures that are located within 2 km of a proposed CSG well, prior to the establishment and development of the well.
 - (b) Groundwater monitoring must record groundwater levels and the collection of groundwater samples for preliminary laboratory testing. Changes in water levels and basic groundwater quality are to be considered as triggers for the identification of potential impacts. Water quality parameters to be analysed as part of this monitoring program must comprise:
 - i. pH
 - ii. Electrical conductivity (EC)
 - iii. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
 - iv. Major Ionic Constituents - Ca, Mg, K, Na, Cl, CO₃, HCO₃, SO₄

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- (10) Monitoring must be conducted on an annual basis with the first monitoring round to be completed prior to the establishment/operation of the adjacent CSG well (within 2km of the CSG well).
- (11) Should monitoring indicate that the bore trigger threshold will be exceeded, make good agreements must be implemented with each bore owner where required, prior to the trigger threshold being exceeded.

Obligations

- (12) By 28 November 2025, the responsible entity must compile a register, in a format specified by the administering authority, that includes all obligations of the responsible entity stipulated in the UWIR.
- (13) At all times, the register in condition (12) must be maintained with the status of current progress on each of the obligations listed in the register.
- (14) The register in conditions (12) & (13) must be:
- (a) provided to the administering authority upon request, within the timeframe specified in the request; and
 - (b) updated as requested by administering authority, within the timeframe specified in the request.
- (15) The annual review submitted in accordance with condition (1) must identify any non-compliances with the obligations specified in condition (12).

DEFINITIONS

Administering authority means the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, or its predecessors or successors.

Anniversary day means each anniversary of the day the first UWIR took effect – 6 January 2022.

Chief executive means the Director-General of the department responsible for administering Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000* or the persons delegated the powers of the chief executive as stated in the *Water Act* (DESI-Chief Executive) Delegation (No 1) 2021 or subsequent versions.

NATA accreditation means accreditation by the National Association of Testing Authorities Australia.

Responsible entity means Mitsue E&P Australia Pty Ltd, Westside Mungi Pty Ltd and Harcourt (Queensland) LLC in accordance with section 368 of the *Water Act 2000*.

Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis to performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.

UWIR means the underground water impact report prepared by Westside Mungi Pty Ltd for PL1048 and PL1049 dated 14 August 2025.