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8 July 2025

Department of
**Natural Resources and Mines,
Manufacturing and Regional
and Rural Development**

MMG Guald River Pty Ltd
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Dear Mr James

Application for a relevant purpose determination under section 22A of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* for the clearing of native vegetation on Lot 1 on Plan AP23793, Lot 36 on Plan AP23793 and Lot 92 on Plan SP303378 - Cloncurry Shire Council

I refer to your application submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the department) on 22 January 2025.

As the delegate for the Chief Executive, I have considered your request and I am satisfied that the proposed development to clear vegetation for the purpose of Relevant Infrastructure Activities meets the requirements of section 22A of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. The areas determined to be for a relevant purpose are shown as Area A (Part A¹) on the attached Relevant Purpose Determination Plan (RPDP) 2025/000144.

This decision is based on:

- the development proposal and information you submitted to the department on 22 January 2025;
- additional information you provided to the department on 4 April 2025 and 5 June 2025;
- circumstances at the time of this determination;
- the attached RPDP 2025/000144, version 1;
- the clearing width for roads/tracks traversing a watercourse or drainage feature, as shown on the vegetation management watercourse and drainage feature map, not exceeding 25 metres;
- the clearing within Area A identified on the attached RPDP not exceeding 137.2 ha including:

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- 137.2 hectares in category B areas containing least concern regional ecosystems;
- 132.64 hectares in an area mapped as essential habitat as shown on the essential habitat map; and
- 0.42 hectares in category B areas within 10m of the defining banks of a stream order one or two watercourse or drainage feature, as shown on the vegetation management watercourse and drainage feature map.

Should your proposal change (e.g. development footprint) or circumstances associated with your proposal change (e.g. legislation changes, regional ecosystem mapping changes), you may need to request another section 22A relevant purpose determination.

This relevant purpose determination is valid for 2 years and will expire on 8 July 2027.

Please note that this letter is not a development approval to carry out vegetation clearing. You will need to apply for a development approval from your local Council, or the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) under the *Planning Act 2016*.

If your property is a lease or tenure other than freehold, you should seek advice from the State Land Asset Management (SLAM) group of the department to determine if the proposed clearing purpose can be carried out on your tenure. SLAM can be contacted on (07) 4222 5427.

Prior to lodging a development application, it is strongly recommended that, you arrange a pre-lodgement meeting through the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) to identify all relevant State legislation, approvals and application requirements.

A development application will need to address the following tables and performance outcomes (POs) within the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) State Code 16:

- Table 16.2 – PO1-PO3; and
- Table 16.3 – PO4-PO18.

Based on the information provided with your application for a relevant purpose determination, particular attention and detailed responses will be required to address the following POs:

- PO7 or PO8 (watercourses and drainage features);
- PO10 (soil erosion);
- PO12 or PO13 (conserving least concern regional ecosystems); and
- PO16 or PO17 (essential habitat).

Environmental offsets may be required if the proposed clearing has an acceptable significant residual impact on Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES).

Disclaimer: Please note, assessment of rehabilitation requirements and environmental offset requirements will be undertaken as part of the State Development Assessment Provisions: State Code 16 (SDAP: State Code 16) assessment. Accordingly, any determination that the proposed development is for a relevant purpose under section 22A of the Vegetation Management Act 1999 is not a finding that the proposed development also satisfies any Performance Outcome

requirements to rehabilitate or provide environmental offsets where required under SDAP: State Code 16.

Other relevant Commonwealth or State approvals may also be required to undertake vegetation clearing. An indicative list of other legislation is provided in Attachment 1.

Should you require any additional information please contact your local SARA office as below:

SARA North and North West Queensland

Location: Level 11, Flinders Street, Townsville

Postal address: PO Box 5666, Townsville QLD 4810

Telephone: (07) 4758 3423

Email: NQSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au

Should you have any enquiries or require assistance regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Wood, Natural Resource Management Officer, on telephone (07) 4529 1258 quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely



Laura Sellen

Acting Senior Natural Resource Management Officer

Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development

Attachment 1 - Legislation and Acts

Activity	Legislation	Agency	Contact details
Interference with overland flow	<i>Water Act 2000</i>	Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.dlgwv.qld.gov.au
Earthworks, significant disturbance	<i>Soil Conservation Act 1986</i>	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.nrmmrrd.qld.gov.au
Indigenous Cultural Heritage	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i> <i>Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>	Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.tatsipca.qld.gov.au
Mining and environmentally relevant activities Infrastructure development (coastal) Heritage issues Protected plants and protected areas ¹	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> <i>Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995</i> <i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i> <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.desi.qld.gov.au
Koala mapping and regulations.	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.desi.qld.gov.au
Interference with fish passage in a watercourse, mangroves Forest activities	<i>Fisheries Act 1994</i> <i>Forestry Act 1959</i> ²	Department of Primary Industries (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 25 23 www.daf.qld.gov.au
Matters of National Environmental Significance including	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the	Ph: 1800 803 772 www.dcceew.gov.au

¹ In Queensland, all plants that are native to Australia are protected plants under the [Nature Conservation Act 1992](#), which endeavours to ensure that protected plants (whether whole plants or protected plants parts) are not illegally removed from the wild, or illegally traded. Prior to **clearing**, you should check the flora survey trigger map to determine if the **clearing** is within a high-risk area by visiting [For further information or assistance on the protected plants flora survey trigger map for your property, contact the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation on 13QGOV \(13 74 68\) or email \[palm@des.qld.gov.au\]\(mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au\)](#)

² Contact the Department of Primary Industries before **clearing**:

- Any sandalwood on state-owned land (including leasehold land)
- On freehold land in a 'forest consent area'
- More than five hectares on state-owned land (including leasehold land) containing commercial timber species listed in parts 2 or 3 of Schedule 6 of the Vegetation Management Regulation 2023 and located within any of the following local government management areas—Banana, Bundaberg Regional, Fraser Coast Regional, Gladstone Regional, Isaac Regional, North Burnett Regional, Somerset Regional, South Burnett Regional, Southern Downs Regional, Tablelands Regional, Toowoomba Regional, Western Downs Regional.

listed threatened species & ecological communities		Environment and Water (Australian Government)	
Development and planning processes	<i>Planning Act 2016</i> <i>State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971</i>	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au
Road corridor permits	<i>Transport Infrastructure Act 1994</i>	Department of Transport and Main Roads (Queensland Government)	Ph: 13 QGOV (13 74 68) www.tmr.qld.gov.au
Wet Tropics World Heritage Area	<i>Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993</i>	Wet Tropics Management Authority	Ph: (07) 4241 0500 www.wettropics.gov.au
Local government requirements	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	Your relevant local government office	