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# 2002

# A BILL

## **FOR**

An Act to amend the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, and for other purposes

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Environmental Protection and Other Le	gislation
Amendment Bill 2002	

	The Parliament of Queensland enacts—	1
	PART 1—PRELIMINARY	2
Clause	1 Short title	3
	This Act may be cited as the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2002.	4 5
Clause	2 Commencement	6
	(1) Part 3 commences, or is taken to have commenced, on 13 September 2002.	7 8
	(2) The remaining provisions of this Act commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.	9 10
	PART 2—AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994	11 12
Clause	3 Act amended in pt 2 and schedule	13
	(1) This part amends the Environmental Protection Act 1994.	14
	(2) The schedule also includes amendments of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> .	15 16
Clause	4 Amendment of s 109 (Requirements for application)	17
	Section 109—	18
	insert—	19
	'(c) accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.'.	20

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Clause	5 Amendment of s 111 (Criteria for decision)	1
	Section 111(2)(b), subparagraph (iv), second occurring—	2
	omit.	3
Clause	6 Amendment of s 115 (Information notice about decision on	4
	conversion application)	5
	Section 115(2)—	6
	omit.	7
Clause	7 Replacement of ch 4, pts 5 and 6	8
	Chapter 4, parts 5 and 6—	9
	omit, insert—	10
	'PART 5—AMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES BY APPLICATION	11 12
	'Division 1—Making amendment application	13
	'116 Who may apply for amendment	14
	'The holder of an environmental authority under this chapter may, at any time, apply to the administering authority to amend the environmental authority (an "amendment application").	15 16 17
	'117 Exclusions from amendment under pt 5	18
	'A condition of an environmental authority under this chapter about requiring financial assurance can not be amended or discharged under this part.1	19 20 21
	'118 Requirements for amendment application	22
	'An amendment application must be—	23
	7 in amenament apprearion must be	

<sup>1</sup> See section 366 (Application for amendment or discharge of financial assurance).

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(a)	in the approved form; and	1
(b)	supported by enough information to allow the administering authority to decide the application; and	2 3
(c)	accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.	4
	Division 2—Processing amendment applications	5
	lic notice may be required for amendment of licence hout development approval)	6 7
	is section applies only if an amendment application relates to a without development approval).	8 9
application	ne administering authority may, within 5 business days after the on date, by written notice to the applicant, decide that 39D to 89J apply for the application (a "public notice nent").	10 11 12 13
administe increase	owever, a public notice requirement must not be made unless the ering authority is satisfied there is likely to be a substantial in the risk of environmental harm under the amended licence of a substantial change in—	14 15 16 17
(a)	the quantity or quality of contaminant authorised to be released into the environment; or	18 19
(b)	the results of the release of a quantity or quality of contaminant authorised to be released into the environment.	20 21
the quant	ithout limiting subsection (3)(a), an increase of 10% or more in tity of a contaminant to be released into the environment is a all change.	22 23 24
	ne notice must be accompanied by, or include, an information out the decision.	25 26
<b>'120 Pub</b>	lic notice process	27
application changes,	a public notice requirement is made for an amendment on, sections 89D to 89J apply for the application, with necessary as if the application were an application for a licence (without nent approval).	28 29 30 31

	owever, for applying the following sections, the reference in the a number of business days after the application date is taken to	1 2 3
(a)	for section 89E—15 business days; or	4
(b)	for section 89G—19 business days.	5
'121 Dec	ciding application	6
	The administering authority must either grant or refuse each ent application within the later of the following periods to end—	7 8
(a)	20 business days after the application date;	9
(b)	if a public notice requirement has been made for the application, the later of the following periods—	10 11
	(i) 20 business days after the authority receives the declaration of compliance; <sup>2</sup>	12 13
	(ii) 8 business days after the submission period ends.	14
application administed	the administering authority may decide to grant an amendment on subject to the applicant's written agreement to the ering authority amending the environmental authority in a stated it considers necessary or desirable. <sup>3</sup>	15 16 17 18
<b>'122 Cri</b>	teria for decision	19
	ne administering authority may grant an amendment application if fied the amendment is necessary or desirable.	20 21
must con	owever, in deciding the application, the administering authority sider the criteria under part 3 or 4 for deciding an application to e relevant environmental authority.	22 23 24

<sup>2</sup> See sections 120 (Public notice process) and 89G (Declaration of compliance).

<sup>3</sup> See section 130(1)(a) (Other amendments).

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'123 Refusal on ground that replacement environmental authority needed	1 2
'(1) The administering authority may refuse an amendment application on the ground that it would be more appropriate for the applicant to seek the amendment by replacement of the environmental authority.	3 4 5
'(2) Subsection (1) does not limit the grounds on which the application may be refused.	6 7
'Division 3—Miscellaneous provisions	8
'124 Steps after making decision	9
'If the administering authority decides to grant an amendment application, it must do the following within 8 business days after the decision is made—	10 11 12
(a) amend the environmental authority to give effect to the amendment;	13 14
(b) record particulars of the amendment in the appropriate register;	15
(c) give the applicant a copy of the amended environmental authority.	16 17
'125 When amendment takes effect	18
'An amendment made under section 124(a) takes effect on the later of the following days—	19 20
(a) the day of the amendment;	21
(b) a later day of effect stated in the amended environmental authority;	22 23
(c) another day agreed to by the holder of the environmental authority;	24 25
(d) if a public notice requirement has been made for the application and a properly made submission was made about the application—the day after the review date.	26 27 28

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'(1) The administering authority must, within 8 business days after making a decision as follows, give the applicant an information notice about the decision—	2 3 4
(a) a decision to refuse an amendment application;	5
(b) a decision under section 121(2) to grant an amendment application subject to the applicant's written agreement to the administering authority amending the environmental authority in a stated way.	6 7 8 9
'(2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply if the applicant has given the written agreement.	10 11
'(3) If the administering authority has made a public notice requirement for an amendment application, it must, within 8 business days after deciding to grant the application, give any submitter for the application an information notice about the decision.	12 13 14 15
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'Division 1—Required notice to proposed transferee  '127 Notice of disposal by environmental authority holder  '(1) This section applies if the holder of an environmental authority under this chapter proposes to dispose of the holder's business to someone else (the "proposed transferee").  '(2) Before agreeing to dispose of the business, the holder must give the proposed transferee written notice that the proposed transferee must—	17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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<b>'128 Add</b>	litional consequences of not giving notice	1	
, ,	nis section applies if section 127 applies and the environmental pes not comply with section 127(2).	2 3	
agreemen	'(2) The proposed transferee may, by written notice, rescind the agreement before the completion of the agreement or possession under the agreement, whichever is the earlier.		
'( <b>3</b> ) O	n the rescission of the agreement—	7	
(a)	a person who was paid amounts by the proposed transferee under the agreement must refund the amounts to the proposed transferee; and	8 9 10	
(b)	the proposed transferee must return to the holder any documents about the disposal, other than the proposed transferee's copy of the agreement.	11 12 13	
, ,	nis section has effect despite any other Act or anything to the in the agreement.	14 15	
	Division 2—Transfers	16	
<b>'128A</b> Ti	ransfer only by approval	17	
'An er	vironmental authority under this chapter may be transferred only	18 19	
(a)	an application for the transfer has been made under this division (a "transfer application"); and	20 21	
(b)	the administering authority has approved the transfer.	22	
'128B R	equirements for transfer application	23	
'A tran	nsfer application must be—	24	
(a)	made to the administering authority in the approved form; and	25	
(b)	made by the following (the "applicants")—	26	
	(i) the holder of the environmental authority;	27	
	(ii) the proposed transferee; and	28	

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<ul> <li>supported by enough information to allow the administering authority to decide the application; and</li> </ul>	1 2
(d) accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.	3
'128C Amendment application may accompany transfer application	4
'(1) The applicants may, together with the transfer application, make an amendment application for the environmental authority.	5 6
'(2) Part 5 applies, with necessary changes, to the amendment application as if a reference to the environmental authority holder included a reference to the proposed transferee.	7 8 9
'(3) However, the amendment application must not be granted before the transfer application is granted or if the transfer application is refused.	10 11
'128D Audit statement may be required	12
'(1) The administering authority may, within 20 business days after the transfer application is made, require the applicants to give it an audit statement for the environmental authority.	13 14 15
'(2) The audit statement must—	16
(a) be made by or for the environmental authority holder; and	17
(b) state the extent to which activities carried out under the environmental authority have complied with its conditions.	18 19
'128E Deciding application	20
'The administering authority must, within the later of the following periods to end, consider each transfer application and decide either to approve or refuse the transfer—	21 22 23
(a) 20 business days after the application date;	24
(b) if, under section 128D, an audit statement has been required in relation to the application—10 business days after the administering authority receives the statement.	25 26 27

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<b>'128F</b> A	dditional ground for refusal	1
'(1) The administering authority may refuse a transfer application if—		
(a)	the applicants did not, under section 128C(1), apply to amend the relevant environmental authority; and	3 4
(b)	the administering authority is satisfied that, if the application were to be granted, a ground for amending the environmental authority under section 130 would exist.	5 6 7
'( <b>2</b> ) Th	nis section does not limit or otherwise affect section 128E.	8
<b>'128G S</b> 1	teps after making decision	9
` '	the administering authority decides to approve a transfer, it must, business days after the decision is made—	10 11
(a)	amend the environmental authority to give effect to the transfer; and	12 13
(b)	record particulars of the transfer in the appropriate register; and	14
(c)	give the transferee a copy of the transferred environmental authority.	15 16
'( <b>2</b> ) Tl	ne transfer takes effect on the later of the following days—	17
(a)	the day the decision is made;	18
(b)	another day agreed to by the transferee;	19
(c)	a later day of effect stated in the transferred environmental authority.	20 21
8 busines	the authority decides to refuse a transfer, it must, within as days after the decision is made, give the applicants for the an information notice about the decision.	22 23 24

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Division 3—Surrenders	1
'Subdivision 1—General provisions for surrender	2
'128H Surrender only by approval	3
'(1) An environmental authority under this chapter may, subject to section 128I, be surrendered only if—	4 5
(a) an application for the surrender has been made under subdivision 2 (a "surrender application"); and	6 7
(b) the administering authority has approved the surrender.	8
'(2) A holder of an environmental authority under this chapter must make a surrender application if required under section 128K.	9 10
'(3) The holder may make a surrender application at any other time.	11
'128I Surrender application must be for whole authority  'A surrender application must be for the whole of the relevant environmental authority.	12 13 14
'128J When surrender application required	15
'(1) If the holder of an environmental authority under this chapter abandons the carrying out of an environmentally relevant activity to which the authority relates, the holder must, within 22 business days, make a surrender application for the authority.	16 17 18 19
'(2) For subsection (1), a holder is taken to have abandoned an activity to which a licence (with development approval) relates—	20 21
(a) if the development approval lapses; or	22
(b) if the development application for the development approval has been refused, on the later of the following to happen—	23 24
(i) the end of the period under the Integrated Planning Act to appeal against the refusal;	25 26
(ii) the ending of any appeal against the refusal.	27

	ubsection (2)(b) does not apply if, as a result of an appeal, the nent approval is granted.	1 2	
	otice by administering authority to make surrender lication	3 4	
	nis section applies if section 128J applies to the holder of an nental authority and the holder has not complied with the section.	5 6	
notice"),	'(2) The administering authority may, by written notice (a "surrender notice"), require the holder to make a surrender application for the environmental authority within a stated period of at least 10 business days.		
informati	ne surrender notice must be accompanied by, or include, an ion notice about the authority's decisions to make the requirement at the stated period.	10 11 12	
'128L Fa	nilure to comply with surrender notice	13	
'A person to whom a surrender notice has been given must comply with the notice unless the person has a reasonable excuse.			
Maximui	m penalty—100 penalty units.	16	
	'Subdivision 2—Making surrender application	17	
'128M R	Requirements for surrender application	18	
'(1) A	surrender application must be—	19	
(a)	in the approved form; and	20	
(b)	supported by enough information to allow the administering authority to decide the application; and	21 22	
(c)	accompanied by—	23	
	(i) an audit statement for the environmental authority; and	24	
	(ii) the fee prescribed under a regulation.	25	
'( <b>2</b> ) Th	ne audit statement must—	26	
(a)	be made by or for the environmental authority holder; and	27	

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(b)	state the extent to which activities carried out under the environmental authority have complied with the conditions of the authority.	1 2 3	
	'Subdivision 3—Processing surrender applications	4	
'128N D	eciding application	5	
and, witl	dministering authority must consider each surrender application hin 20 business days after the application is received by the ering authority, either approve or refuse the surrender.	6 7 8	
<b>'1280 C</b>	riteria for decision	9	
'(1) In must—	deciding a surrender application, the administering authority	10 11	
(a)	comply with any relevant EPP requirement; and	12	
(b)	subject to paragraph (a), consider—	13	
	(i) the standard criteria; and	14	
	(ii) the audit statement for the environmental authority the subject of the application; and	15 16	
	(iii) another matter prescribed under an environmental protection policy or regulation.	17 18	
'( <b>2</b> ) Th	ne administering authority may grant the application only if—	19	
(a)	it is satisfied the conditions of the environmental authority have been complied with; or		
(b)	it is satisfied the land to which the surrender application relates has been satisfactorily rehabilitated; or		
(c)	it has approved an environmental management program and it is satisfied the land will be satisfactorily rehabilitated under the program; or	24 25 26	
(d)	a suitability statement has been given for the land and—	27	

		(1)	the land has been removed from the environmental management register; or	1 2		
		(ii)	a site management plan has been approved for the land.	3		
	'128P St	teps a	after making decision	4		
			nistering authority must, within 10 business days after render application—	5 6		
	(a)	if th	ne decision is to approve the surrender—	7		
		(i)	record particulars of the surrender in the appropriate register; and	8 9		
		(ii)	give the applicant written notice of the decision; or	10		
	(b)		ne decision is to refuse the surrender—give the applicant an ormation notice about the decision.'.	11 12		
Clause	8 Am	endr	nent of s 130 (Other amendments)	13		
	(1) Se	ction	130(1), from ', other than' to 'level 2 approval,'—	14		
	omit.			15		
	<b>(2)</b> Se	ction	s 130(2)(g) and (h)—	16		
	renumber as sections 130(2)(h) and (i).					
	(3) Section 130(2)—					
	insert—					
	'(g)		port made by or for, or approved by, a recognised entity if the ort—	20 21		
		(i)	is relevant to the environmental authority or an activity carried out under it; and	22 23		
		(ii)	if the administering authority is not the chief executive—has been accepted by the chief executive;'.	24 25		
	(4) Section 130—					
	insert—					
	'(3) In	this	section—	28		
	"recogn	ised (	entity" means any of the following—	29		

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	(a)	the administering authority;	1
	(b)	the department in which the <i>Fisheries Act 1994</i> or <i>Water Act 2000</i> is administered;	2 3
	(c)	a local government;	4
	(d)	a public authority;	5
	(e)	an agency, however called, established under a corresponding law with similar functions to the functions of the chief executive;	6 7
	(f)	a ministerial council established by the Council of Australian Governments;	8 9
	(g)	the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation;	10 11
	(h)	a cooperative research centre completely or partly funded by the Commonwealth;	12 13
	(i)	an Australian university.'.	14
Clause	9 Am	endment of s 131 (Conditions)	15
	(1) Sec	ction 131(1), ', other than a level 2 approval,'—	16
	omit.		17
	<b>(2)</b> See	ction 131(3), 'the events are as follows'—	18
	omit, i	insert—	19
	'the ev	vent is any of the following'.	20
	( <b>3</b> ) Sec	ction 131(3)(d), after 'annual notice'—	21
	insert-	_	22
	'or sui	render notice'.	23
Clause	10 Om	ission of ss 143 and 144	24
	Sectio	ns 143 and 144—	25
	omit.		26

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Clause	11 Amendment of s 145 (Death of licence holder)	1
	(1) Section 145, heading 'licence'—	2
	omit, insert—	3
	'environmental authority'.	4
	(2) Section 145(1), 'a licence holder'—	5
	omit, insert—	6
	'the holder of an environmental authority under this chapter'.	7
	(3) Section 145(1), 'licence', second mention—	8
	omit, insert—	9
	'authority'.	10
	(4) Section 145(2) and (3), 'authority'—	11
	omit, insert—	12
	'administering authority'.	13
Clause	12 Replacement of ch 6, pt 1 (Integrated authorities)	14
	Chapter 6, part 1—	15
	omit, insert—	16
	'PART 1—INTEGRATED AUTHORITIES	17
	'Division 1—Obtaining integrated authority	18
	'311 Integrated authority may be issued	19
	'(1) The administering authority may, subject to section 312, accept a single application (an "integrated authority application") for environmental authorities from an applicant for—	20 21 22
	(a) different environmentally relevant activities carried out by the applicant; or	23 24
	(b) environmentally relevant activities carried out by the applicant at different places.	25 26

'(2) An integrated authority application may also be made for environmentally relevant activities for which the applicant already holds an environmental authority or authorities (an "existing authority").	1 2 3
'(3) Subsections (1) and (2) apply for any type or types of environmental authority under chapter 4 or 5,4 in any combination.	4 5
'(4) Subsection (5) applies if there is more than 1 of the activities for which—	6 7
(a) there is an existing authority; or	8
(b) the administering authority has, under chapter 4 or 5, decided to grant an environmental authority application.	9 10
'(5) Subject to section 314, the administering authority may—	11
(a) continue, or issue, environmental authorities for the activities, on separate documents; or	12 13
(b) continue, or issue, environmental authorities for some of the activities on separate documents and issue a single document that contains environmental authorities for the rest of the activities; or	14 15 16
(c) issue a single document that contains environmental authorities for all the activities.	17 18
'(6) A single document issued under subsection (5)(b) or (c) is called an "integrated authority".	19 20
'(7) An environmental authority that forms part of an integrated authority is called a "constituent part" of the integrated authority.	21 22
'312 Requirements for integrated authority application	23
'(1) An integrated authority application must be—	24
(a) in the approved form; and	25
(b) accompanied by a submission (an "IEMS submission") for an integrated environmental management system for the environmentally relevant activities the subject of the application.	26 27 28
(2) The IEMS submission must comply with section 313.	29

<sup>4</sup> Chapters 4 (Development approvals and environmental authorities other than for mining activities) or 5 (Environmental authorities for mining activities)

chapter 4	or 5, apply for an application for each constituent part of the integrated authority.	2 3
<b>'313 IEM</b>	AS submission—content requirements	4
. ,	n IEMS submission must address the following matters about out the activities the subject of the application—	5 6
(a)	the monitoring of releases of contaminants into the environment and an environmental assessment of the releases;	7 8
(b)	staff training and awareness of environmental issues;	9
(c)	the conduct of environmental and energy audits;	10
(d)	waste prevention, treatment and disposal;	11
(e)	a program for continuous improvement;	12
(f)	reporting arrangements on the effectiveness of the environmental management of the activities.	13 14
. ,	ne submission may address a matter mentioned in subsection (1) nce to a relevant EIS or environmental management document.	15 16
<b>'314 Req</b>	uirements for issuing integrated authority	17
'(1) Su	absection (2) applies if—	18
(a)	the administering authority decides to issue an integrated authority; and	19 20
(b)	the person who applied for the integrated authority already holds an environmental authority (the "existing authority") for an environmentally relevant activity the subject of the application.	21 22 23
'(2) The authority	he administering authority must, before issuing the integrated —	24 25
(a)	if the integrated authority, when issued, will apply to all environmentally relevant activities for which the existing authority was issued—cancel the existing authority; or	26 27 28
(b)	otherwise—amend the existing authority so that it does not apply to any environmentally relevant activity to which the integrated authority, when issued, will apply.	29 30 31

how the administering authority may amend or cancel the earlier authority.						
'(4) The integrated authority must state—						
(a) for each of its constituent parts—						
	(i)	the type of environmental authority that it is; and	5			
	(ii)	each environmentally relevant activity for which it is given; and	6 7			
	(iii)	the conditions that apply to it; and	8			
(b)		nniversary day, fixed by the administering authority, for all of onstituent parts. <sup>5</sup>	9 10			
'( <b>5</b> ) The constitue		y fixed under subsection (4)(b) must be the same for all the rts.	11 12			
	rma licati	tion notice about decision on integrated authority	13 14			
integrated	d aut	ninistering authority makes a decision as follows about an hority application it must, within 10 business days after the nade, give the applicant an information notice about the	15 16 17 18			
(a)	a de	cision not to issue the integrated authority;	19			
(b)		cision to issue an integrated authority that is different to the grated authority applied for.	20 21			
		Division 2—Constituent parts	22			
<b>'315A C</b>	onsti	tuent parts continue to be environmental authorities	23			
'(1) Each constituent part of an integrated authority is, and continues to be, an environmental authority of the type stated in the integrated authority.						
		et to sections 315B to 315D, the relevant provisions of continue to apply to each constituent part.	26 27			

<sup>5</sup> See also, section 318A(7) (Changing anniversary day).

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'315B Additional requirement for amending or transferring constituent part	1 2
'(1) An application under chapter 4 or 5 to amend or transfer a constituent part of an integrated authority must be accompanied by an amended IEMS submission for the integrated authority.	3 4 5
'(2) The amended submission must reflect the proposed amendment or transfer.	6 7
'Division 3—Changing integrated authority	8
'315C Amendment or cancellation to reflect change to constituent part	9
'(1) If a constituent part of an integrated authority changes, the administering authority must amend the integrated authority to give effect to the change to the constituent part.	10 11 12
'(2) The administering authority must cancel an integrated authority if it ceases to have any constituent part.	13 14
'(3) In this section—	15
"change" means amend, cancel, surrender or transfer.	16
'315D Adding new constituent part	17
'(1) This section applies if an integrated authority holder applies for, or has been issued, an environmental authority (the "new authority") for an environmentally relevant activity to which none of its constituent parts apply.	18 19 20 21
'(2) The holder may apply to the administering authority to amend the integrated authority to include the new authority as a constituent part of the integrated authority.	22 23 24
'(3) The amendment application must be in the approved form and accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.	25 26
'(4) Division 1 applies for an amendment application, with necessary changes, as if a reference to an integrated authority application were a reference to an amendment application.	27 28 29
'(5) This section does not affect any provision of chapter 4 or 5 that applies for the obtaining of the new authority.'.	30 31

Clause	<b>13</b> Inse	ertion of new ss 318A and 318B	1
	Chapt	er 6—	2
	insert-	_	3
	<b>'318A C</b>	hanging anniversary day	4
	administ	The holder of an environmental authority may apply to the ering authority to change the anniversary day for the nental authority to another day of each year (the "new day").6	5 6 7
		he application must be in the approved form and accompanied by rescribed under a regulation.	8 9
		he administering authority must, within 20 business days after the on is made, decide whether or not to change the anniversary day to day.	10 11 12
		he administering authority must, within 8 business days after the is made, give the holder—	13 14
	(a)	if the decision is to change the day—written notice of the decision; or	15 16
	(b)	if the decision is not to change the day—an information notice about the decision.	17 18
		decision under subsection (3) to change the anniversary day takes the later of the following days—	19 20
	(a)	the day the holder is given notice of the decision;	21
	(b)	a later day of effect stated in the notice.	22
	authority	the administering authority may, if the holder of an environmental agrees in writing, change the anniversary day for the mental authority to another day of each year (also the "new day").	23 24 25
	authority may be o	However, despite subsections (1) to (6), if the environmental v is a constituent part of an integrated authority, the anniversary day changed only if the anniversary day for all constituent parts of the d authority is changed to the new day.	26 27 28 29

<sup>6</sup> See however, section 617 (Section 318A does not apply for transitional authority).

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	·318	BB Special provisions for changeover in anniversary day	1
		(1) If the anniversary day for an environmental authority is changed er section 318A—	2 3
		(a) the period from its last anniversary day before the change to its first anniversary day after the change (an "interim year") is taken to be a year for the environmental authority; and	4 5 6
		(b) the administering authority's obligation under section 316(2) to give an annual notice does not apply for the first anniversary day after the change.	7 8 9
		(2) A different form may be approved under section 316(2)(b) for an ual return for an interim year than for other years.'.	10 11
Clause	14	Amendment of s 322 (When environmental audit required)	12
	S	ection 322(1)(a), ', other than a level 1 or 2 approval,'—	13
	0	mit.	14
Clause	15	Amendment of s 323 (When environmental investigation required)	15 16
	S	ection 323(1)(b), 'serious or material'—	17
	0	mit.	18
Clause	16	Amendment of s 332 (Administering authority may require draft program)	19 20
	(.	1) Section 332(1) from 'management program'—	21
	0	mit, insert—	22
	<b>'</b> 1	management program—	23
		(a) as a condition of an environmental authority, other than a level 1 approval; or	24 25
		(b) as a development condition of a development approval.'.	26
	(2	2) Section 332(2)—	27
	iı	nsert—	28

	been, contravened and the person or public authority is—	2
	(i) an owner of the land for which the approval is granted; or	3
	(ii) another person in whom the benefit of the approval vests.'.	4
	( <b>3</b> ) Section 332—	5
	insert—	6
	'(5) A person of whom a requirement under subsection (1) or (2) has been made must comply with the requirement unless the person has a reasonable excuse.	7 8 9
	Maximum penalty for subsection (5)—100 penalty units.'.	10
Clause	17 Omission of s 341 (Extensions of time for decisions on submission of draft programs)	11 12
	Section 341—	13
	omit.	14
Clause	18 Amendment of s 346 (Effect of compliance with program)	15
	Section 346(2)(a) and (3)(a), 'or 2'—	16
	omit.	17
Clause	19 Amendment of s 500 (Fines payable to local government)	18
	Section 500(1)(a) after 'devolved'—	19
	insert—	20
	'or delegated'.	21
Clause	20 Amendment of s 503 (Recovery of costs of investigation)	22
	(1) Section 503(1)(b), after 'costs and expenses in'—	23
	insert—	24
	'investigating the offence, including, for example,'.	25

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	(2) Section 503(1)(b), 'of the offence'—	1
	omit.	2
CI.	21 Devile a server of an 517 519	2
Clause	21 Replacement of ss 516–518	3
	Sections 516 to 518—	4
	omit, insert—	5
	'516 Delegation by chief executive	6
	'(1) The chief executive may delegate the executive's powers under this Act as the chief executive to—	7 8
	(a) an appropriately qualified—	9
	(i) authorised person; or	10
	(ii) public service officer; or	11
	(b) a local government.	12
	'(2) A delegation of a chief executive's power to a local government may permit the subdelegation of the power to an appropriately qualified entity.	13 14 15
	'517 Delegation by administering executive or local government chief executive officer	16 17
	'(1) The chief executive's powers under this Act as the administering executive may be delegated or subdelegated in the same way as the chief executive's powers may be delegated or subdelegated under section 516.	18 19 20
	'(2) A local government's chief executive officer may delegate the officer's powers under this Act, as the administering executive or otherwise, to an appropriately qualified employee of the local government.	21 22 23
	'(3) A delegation under subsection (2) of a power of a local government's chief executive officer to an employee of a local government may permit the subdelegation of the power to another appropriately qualified employee of the local government.	24 25 26 27
	'518 Delegation by administering authority	28
	'(1) An administering authority may—	29

	(a) if the authority is the chief executive—delegate the authority's powers under this Act to—	1 2
	(i) an authorised person or public service officer; or	3
	(ii) a local government; or	4
	(b) if the authority is a local government—by resolution, delegate the authority's powers under this Act to an appropriately qualified entity.	5 6 7
	'(2) A delegation of a power as follows may permit the subdelegation of the power to an appropriately qualified entity—	8 9
	(a) a power of the chief executive, as the administering authority, delegated to a local government;	10 11
	(b) a power of a local government as the administering authority.'.	12
Clause	22 Amendment of s 520 (Dissatisfied person)	13
	(1) Section 520(1)(c), 'chapter 5, part 9'—	14
	omit, insert—	15
	'chapter 4 or 5'.	16
	(2) Section 520(1)(d) to (r)—	17
	renumber as section 520(1)(e) to (s).	18
	(3) Section 520(1)—	19
	insert—	20
	'(d) if the decision is about an integrated authority application—the applicant for the authority; or'.	21 22
Clause	23 Amendment of s 540 (Required registers)	23
	(1) Section 540(1)(d) to (o)—	24
	renumber as section 540(1)(e) to (p).	25
	(2) Section 540(1)—	26
	insert—	27
	'(d) in relation to chapter 4, the following—	28

	(i) transfers of environmental authorities;	1
	(ii) surrenders of environmental authorities;	2
	(iii) reports the chief executive accepts under section 130(2)(g)(ii);'.	3 4
	(3) Section 540(1)(i), as renumbered, 'paragraph (g)'—	5
	omit, insert—	6
	'paragraph (h)'.	7
Clause	24 Amendment of s 546 (Annual reports)	8
	Section 546(4), '3 months'—	9
	omit, insert—	10
	'4 months'.	11
Clause	25 Amendment of s 552 (What is the "application date" for application or EMP submission)	12 13
	Section 552(1)(a), 'to amend or transfer'—	14
	omit, insert—	15
	'for, or to amend or transfer,'.	16
Clause	26 Insertion of new ch 13, pt 4	17
	Chapter 13—	18
	insert—	19
	'PART 4—TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT ACT 2002	20 21 22
	'618 Section 318A does not apply for transitional authority	23
	'(1) The anniversary day for an environmental authority (mining activities) that, under section 592, is a transitional authority can not be changed under section 318A.	24 25 26

		tion (1) ceases to apply if the authority ceases to be a hority under section 592(2).'.	1 2
Clause	27 Amendme	ent of sch 1 (Original decisions)	3
	(1) Schedule	e 1, part 2, division 1—	4
	insert—		5
	'121(2)	Decision to grant an amendment application subject to the applicant's written agreement to the administering authority amending the environmental authority in a stated way	
	128K(2)	Decision to give surrender notice	
	128K(2)	Fixing of period for compliance with surrender notice	
	128N	Refusal of surrender application'.	
	(2) Schedule	e 1, part 2, divisions 3, 4 and 5—	6
	renumber as	schedule 1, part 2, divisions 4, 5 and 6 respectively.	7
	(3) Schedule		8
	insert—		9
		'Division 3—Decisions under chapter 6	10
	'311(5)(a)	Decision not to issue integrated authority	
	311(5)(b)	Decision to issue integrated authority different to integrated authority applied for	
	318A(3)	Decision not to change anniversary day'.	
Clause	28 Amendme	ent of sch 3 (Dictionary)	11
	day", "appl	e 3, definitions "amendment application", "anniversary icants", "appropriately qualified", "schedule 8, "surrender application" and "surrender notice"—	12 13 14
	omit.		15
	(2) Schedule	: 3—	16

insert-	<del>_</del>	1
' "amen	dment application" for—	2
(a)	chapter 4—see section 116; or	3
(b)	chapter 5—see section 238.	4
"annive	rsary day"—	5
1.	Generally, the "anniversary day", for an environmental authority means each anniversary of the day the authority is issued. <sup>7</sup>	6 7
2.	However, if an environmental authority is a constituent part of an integrated authority, the "anniversary day" for the environmental authority is the day fixed under section 314(4)(b).	8 9 10
3.	Also, if the anniversary day for an environmental authority is changed under section 318A, the "anniversary day" for the authority is the day as changed.	11 12 13
4.	The anniversary day for an environmental authority does not change merely because the authority is amended or transferred.	14 15
"applica	ants" for—	16
(a)	chapter 4, part 6, division 2—see section 128B(b); or	17
(b)	chapter 5, part 9—see section 260(1)(b).	18
"approp	oriately qualified"—	19
1.	"Appropriately qualified", for an entity to whom a power under this Act may be delegated or subdelegated, includes having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the power.	20 21 22 23
	Example of 'standing'—	24
	A person's classification level in the public service.	25
2.	If the power may be delegated or subdelegated by a local government, the following are "appropriately qualified" entities for the delegation or subdelegation—	26 27 28
	(a) the local government's mayor;	29
	(b) a standing committee or a chairperson of a standing committee of the local government;	30 31

<sup>7</sup> See, however, section 602 (Anniversary day for certain transitional authorities).

(0	e) the local government's chief executive officer;	1
(0	d) an employee of the local government, having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the power.	2 3 4
	Example of 'standing' for paragraph (d)—	5
	The employee's classification level in the local government.	6
"constituer	<b>nt part"</b> , of an integrated authority, see section 311(7).	7
"integrated	d authority application" see section 311(1).	8
an env	8 development" means a material change of use of premises for ironmentally relevant activity that, under section 75, is taken to relopment for the Integrated Planning Act, schedule 8, part 1, .	9 10 11 12
"surrender	application" for—	13
(a) cl	hapter 4—see section128H(1)(a); or	14
(b) cl	hapter 5—see section 268(1)(a).	15
"surrender	notice" for—	16
(a) cl	hapter 4—see section 128K(2); or	17
(b) cl	hapter 5—see section 271(2).'.	18
` '	dule 3, definition "hazardous contaminant", ', other than ordnance,'—	19 20
omit.		21
29 Amen	dment to omit headings following cross references	22
, ,	section applies to a section containing a cross reference to a of the Act followed by the heading to the provision in round	23 24 25
(2) The s brackets.	ection is amended by omitting the brackets and the words in the	26 27

Clause

	PART 3—AMENDMENT OF WATER ACT 2000	1
Clause	30 Act amended in pt 3	2
	This part amends the Water Act 2000.	3
Clause	31 Amendment of s 1065 (Application of div 2)	4
	(1) Section 1065, heading, 'div 2'—	5
	omit, insert—	6
	'sdiv 1'.	7
	(2) Section 1065(1), 'This division does not apply'—	8
	omit, insert—	9
	'This subdivision applies'.	10
	(3) Section 1065(2), 'that, on and from the commencement'—	11
	omit, insert—	12
	'that on and from the commencement,'.	13
Clause	32 Insertion of new s 1065AA	14
	After section 1065—	15
	insert—	16
	'1065AA Additional ground for amending safety condition of environmental authority	17 18
	'(1) This section applies for a condition that, under section 1065(3)(c), is taken to be a condition of an environmental authority.	19 20
	'(2) If the administering authority under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> forms the opinion that the condition is not, or has ceased to be, appropriate for that Act, the opinion is a ground for amending the condition under section 130, 291 or 292 of that Act.	21 22 23 24
	'(3) Subsection (2) applies as well as any other ground provided for under the sections and any additional ground for amendment provided for under section 605 of that Act.'.	25 26 27

Clause		nendment of s 1065A (Transitional provision for dams staining hazardous waste)	1 2
	(1) Se	ction 1065A, 'section 1065(2) and (3)'—	3
	omit, i	insert—	4
	'section	on 1065'.	5
	<b>(2)</b> Se	ction 1065A(1)(a), after 'waste'—	6
	insert-	<u> </u>	7
		or an application for or about a proposed dam that, after its tion, will contain hazardous waste'.	8 9
	<b>(3)</b> Se	ction 1065A(1)(b) and (c), after 'dam'—	10
	insert-	<u> </u>	11
	or pro	oposed dam'.	12
	( <b>4</b> ) Se	ction 1065A(4)—	13
	renum	aber as section 1065A(5).	14
	( <b>5</b> ) Se	ction 1065A(3)—	15
	omit, i	insert—	16
	'( <b>3</b> ) O	on the commencement of section 1065—	17
	(a)	any part of the application that is for or about a licence or permit to take or interfere with the flow of water is taken to be an application to which section 1048(2) applied; and	18 19 20
	(b)	the rest of the application is taken to be an application for an appropriate environmental authority under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> to carry out environmentally relevant activities in relation to the dam, or proposed dam.	21 22 23 24
		The Environmental Protection Act 1994 applies to the application ed in subsection (3)(b)—	25 26
	(a)	with necessary changes; and	27
	(b)	as if the application date for the application is the day section 1065 commences?	28

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Clause	34 Insertion of new s 1065AB	1
	Chapter 9, part 2, division 2, subdivision 2—	2
	insert—	3
	'1065AB Application of sdiv 2	4
	'This subdivision applies to a dam, other than a dam to which subdivision 1 applies.'.	5 6

SCHEDULE		1
	MINOR AMENDMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994	2 3
	section 3(2)	4
1	Section 2—	5
	omit.	6
2	Sections 29(3) and 31(3), '40 days'—	7
	omit, insert—	8
	'30 business days'.	9
3	Section 60(1A) and (2)—	10
	renumber as section 60(2) and (3).	11
4	Section 74(1)(e)—	12
	omit, insert—	13
	'(e) a constituent part of an integrated authority, if the constituent part is an environmental authority mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d).8'.	14 15 16
5	Sections 82(c), 89(c), 98(2)(d), 100(c) and 154(1)(d), 'accompanied by the prescribed fee that, under a regulation, must accompany the application'—	17 18 19
	omit, insert—	20
	'accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation'.	21

<sup>8</sup> See section 315A (Constituent parts continue to be environmental authorities).

6	Sections 83, 90, 101, 110, 326(1), 337(1), 355(2)(a), 365(4), 366(6)(b), 369B(5), 378(3), 384(1), 392(3), 396(1), 407(3) and 412, '28 days'—	1 2 3
	omit, insert—	4
	'20 business days'.	5
7	Sections 83 and 145(2), 'consider the application and decide whether to grant or refuse it'—	6 7
	omit, insert—	8
	'decide either to grant or refuse the application'.	9
8	Sections 86(1), 34CD(2)(b), 34CF(3)(b), 90(c), 93(1), 95, 104(1), 107, 113, 115, 136(1), 137, 138, 139(2), 322(2), 323(2), 339(2), 374(5), 378(5), 384(3), 386, 392(5), 397(1), 407(5), 413(2) and (4), 414, 420(3), 422(1) and (4), 424(5), 533(1) and 552(3), '10 days'—	10 11 12 13
	omit, insert—	14
	'8 business days'.	15
9	Sections 88, definition "submission period" and 34CF, '34CD'—	16
	omit, insert—	17
	'89F'.	18
10	and schedule 1, part 2, division 1, '34CF'—	19 20
	omit, insert—	21
	'89H'.	22
11	Sections 34CC(1), 335(2) and 552(4), '2 days'—	23
	omit, insert—	24
	'2 business days'.	25

12	Sections 34CD(2)(b), 34CE(1), 34CF(1) and (3)(a) and schedule 3, definition "application notice", '34CC'—	1 2
0	omit, insert—	3
6	89E'.	4
13	Section 34CE(1), 'section 34CC and 34CD'—	5
0	omit, insert—	6
'	sections 89E and 89F'.	7
14	Sections 34CE(1), 380(2)(b), 394(2)(b), 409(2)(b), 454(3)(b), 455(2)(b), 498(b) and 521(4), '7 days'—	8 9
0	omit, insert—	10
٤.	5 business days'.	11
15	Sections 34CB to 34CH and 34EH—	12
r	enumber as 89D to 89J and 140A respectively.	13
16	Section 90(b), '34CE'—	14
0	omit, insert—	15
6	89G'.	16
17	Sections 90 and 101, 'consider and decide whether to grant or refuse the application'—	17 18
0	omit, insert—	19
'(	decide either to grant or refuse the application'.	20
18	Section 91(b)(iii), second occurring, and (iv)—	21
r	enumber as 91(b)(iv) and (v).	22

19 Sections 97(1), 133(2), 316(2), 345, 365(2)(d), 371(1) and (2), 372(1) and (2), 373(4)(f), 391(5)(e), 525(1) and 532(2)(b), '30 days'—	1 2 3
omit, insert—	4
'22 business days'.	5
20 Section 106(1)(a), 'section 128'—	6
omit, insert—	7
'part 6, division 3'.	8
21 Section 106(2), after 'unless it is'—	9
insert—	10
'surrendered under part 6, division 3 or'.	11
22 Section 106(3), after 'period stated in it'—	12
insert—	13
'unless it is earlier surrendered under part 6, division 3 or cancelled or suspended under part 7'.	14 15
23 Sections 107(2), 145(3), 369A(7) and 369B(7), 'making the decision'—	16 17
omit, insert—	18
'the decision is made'.	19
24 Section 110, 'whether'—	20
omit, insert—	21
'either'.	22

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<b>25</b>	Sections 130(2)(h), as renumbered and 131(3)(b), 'for'— omit.	1 2
26	Sections 136(1) and 298(1), 'making the proposed action decision'—	3 4
c	omit, insert—	5
	the proposed action decision is made'.	6
27	Section 150(g), 'has, under' to 'included in,'—	7
c	omit, insert—	8
6	is, or includes,'.	9
28	Section 150(g)(ii)—	10
C	omit, insert—	11
	'(ii) the Coordinator-General's report evaluating the EIS for the project;'.	12 13
29	Section 164(1A) to (3)—	14
r	renumber as section 164(2) to (4).	15
30	Section 165(1A) to (6)—	16
r	renumber as section 165(2) to (7).	17
31	Section 181(1)(a), 'grant or refuse the application'—	18
c	omit, insert—	19
4	grant or refuse it'.	20

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32 Section 205(1A) to (3)—	1
renumber as section 205(1) to (4).	2
33 Section 210(2A) and (3)—	3
renumber as section 210(3) and (4).	4
34 Section 216(2A) to (4)—	5
renumber as section 216(3) to (5).	6
35 Section 222(1A) and (2)—	7
renumber as section 222(2) and (3).	8
36 Section 263(b), 'if the application is granted'—	9
omit, insert—	10
'if the application were to be granted'.	11
37 Section 279, 'the application'—	12
omit, insert—	13
'the surrender'.	14
38 Section 292(1)(a), after 'desirable'—	15
insert—	16
'because of a ground mentioned in subsection (2)'.	17
39 Section 292(2), words before paragraph (a)—	18
omit, insert—	19

'(2) For subsection (1)(a), the grounds are that the administering authority considers the amendment necessary or desirable because of any of the following—'.		1 2 3
40	Section 305(1)(f), 'section 29W'—	4
C	omit, insert—	5
•	section 49(1)'.	6
41	Sections 347(6), 348, 352(1), 362(6), 363, 424(3), 498(a), 521(2)(a)(i), (5) and (8), 533(2), and 552(2), '14 days'—	7 8
C	omit, insert—	9
•	'10 business days'.	10
42	Section 369A(5), '60 days'—	11
C	omit, insert—	12
4	44 business days'.	13
43	Section 373(1), example, 'Mineral Resources Act 1989'—	14
(	omit, insert—	15
4	Mineral Resources Act'.	16
44	Sections 431(2) and 433(3), 'complied'—	17
ć	omit, insert—	18
6	'complies'.	19
45	Section 520(2), 'chapter 2B'—	20
ć	omit, insert—	21
4	chapter 4'.	22

omit, insert—

Section 616, heading—

Section 616(2) and (3)—

renumber as section 616(1) and (2)

'616 Reference to renumbered provision'.

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Section 532(2)(a), '45 days'—	1
omit, insert—	2
'33 business days'.	3
Section 560(3), 'administering'—	4
omit, insert—	5
'authority'.	6
Chapter 13, parts 1 and 2, headings, 'PROVISIONS'—	7
omit, insert—	8
'TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS'.	9
Sections 595 and 596, headings, 'or surrender'—	10
omit, insert—	11
', surrender or transfer'.	12
Section 600(4), 'Section 540(1)(d)(vi)'—	13
omit, insert—	14
'Section 540(1)(e)(iv)'.	15

53	Schedule 1, part 2, division 1, '118'—	1
0	mit, insert—	2
6	121'.	3
54	Schedule 1, part 2, division 1, '126'—	4
0	mit, insert—	5
6	128E'.	6
55	Schedule 1, part 2, division 1 and schedule 3, definition "public notice requirement", '34DK(2)'—	7 8
0	omit, insert—	9
6	119(2)'.	10
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