Gregory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension (EPBC 2021/9127)
s. 11C(1)(a) Compliant Investigation

Date	Activity	Links
7 July 2023	Department receives final PER from proponent. A complaint from s. 11C(1)(a) was received during the public comment period. s. 11C(1)(a) was concerned about groundwater drawdown impacts to their land.	2021-9127 Gregory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension Project - Final PER.pdf 2021-9127 Public comment 1.msg Sojitz Response to Public Notification Submission 3 EPBC 2021 9127 _230623.pdf
30 August 2023	Final decision on 2021/9127 made – approval with conditions	2021-9127 Final Decision - Notice - signed.pdf
19 December 2023	Post-approval Water Management Plan approved	
5 November 2025	Department receives complaint from s. 11C(1)(a) stating tha s. 11C(1)(a) objections to approval of M-Block were not considered during assessment.	2021-9127 Initial contact from s. 11C(1)(a) with compliant on dewatering impacts.msg
10 November 2025	FOI request received by department from s. 11C(1)(a) requesting documents and correspondence with the proponent regarding their complaint.	A new request for access to documents under the FOI ACT.msg
17 November 2025	Department responds to s. 11C(1)(a) confirming s. 11C(1)(a) comment was considered during assessment, and noting approval requirements for a Water Management Plan and reporting on compliance.	2021-9127 Department response to s. 11C(1)(a) complaint re dewatering at M-Block 20251105.msg
25 November 2025	Department receives email from s. 11C(1)(a) with Qld DETSI Environmental Enforcement Order (issued on 29 October 2025).	2021-9127 s. 11C(1)(a) email with EEO Notice 20251125.msg 2021-9127 DETSI Environmental Enforcement Order Notice.pdf
30 November 2025	Statement of Reasons for approval decision published – requested by Environmental Advocacy in Central Queensland, Clean Air Queensland and Lock the Gate.	

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4 December 2025	Department receives email from s. 11C(1)(a) concerned with result of the FOI. Department responded on 11 December 2025.	2021-9127 s. 11C(1)(a) follow-up on complaint-20251212.msg
10 March 2026	Min corro from s. 11C(1)(a) (MC26-001915) requesting reconsideration of approval based on perceived inaccuracies identified in the PER and during assessment.	PAS Mara - 2021-9127 PDMS item March 2026 - Summary of issue and request for reconsideration.msg - All Documents
26 March 2026	Department seeks internal advice on the water assessment conducted as part of project approval. Advice received on 13 April 2026 (summary below).	2021-9127 Advice request and response-water assessment and s. 11C(1)(a) impacts.msg 2021-9127 Internal water assessment review 13042026.pptx
1 May 2026	Department officers speak with DETSI Coal and Central Compliance team regarding the Environment Enforcement Order (summary below).	
5 May 2026	Second min corro item received from s. 11C(1)(a) requesting a follow-up on min corro item received on 10 March 2026. Department provides interim response to s. 11C(1)(a) on same day confirming we are looking into s. 11C(1)(a) concerns.	2021-9127 PDMS item May 2026 - follow up request on March 2026 item.msg
13 May 2026	Department officers speak with DLGWV (Qld Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers) regarding the Gregory Crinum water license (summary below).	2021-9127 DLGWV Email with copy of letter to s. 11C(1)(a)msg 2021-9127 DLGWV Copy of letter to s. 11C(1)(a)pdf
30 June 2026	Min corro response to s. 11C(1)(a)	2021-9127 Min corro to s. 11C(1)(a)MC26-001915.pdf

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Summary – Internal advice on water assessment conducted (13 April 2026)

- Main bore of concern is s. 11C(1)(a),s. 11C(1)(b) these bores were not included in the PER documentation but should have come up in the proponent's database search
- Predicted groundwater drawdown shows the bore is not likely to be impacted (or only minor impacts that would not trigger 'make good' provisions), but modelling is unreliable (concerns raised by IESC and peer-review not fully considered by proponent)
- Proposed monitoring is generally suitable, but because s. 11C(1)(a) bores are not included in the monitoring network then any predicted increase in drawdown above predicted levels may not be caught until impacts have occurred. Also, for State 'make-good' arrangements to be initiated there needs to be adequate monitoring data to show the impact.
- State Environmental Enforcement Order requires full review of monitoring data, additional management through triggers and substantial updates to management plans. Focus on surface water but also subsidence (groundwater). This process is ongoing so outcomes are uncertain. Might not help with our concerns about s. 11C(1)(a) bore.



Summary – Conversation with DLGWV Water Management and Use (13 May 2026)

- Existing water license allows mine to undertake dewatering and there are conditions relating to make good arrangements
- DLGWV use modelling to support determining an indication of potential impact, and if there is a potential for impact then monitoring of the affected bore is needed
- They asked s. 11C(1)(a) for specific details on bore use and levels etc which were provided
- They also asked Sojitz to go monitor s. 11C(1)(a) bores - To date Sojitz have not been given access to the property (discussions for access stalled in July 2025 and have not recommenced)
- DLGWV told s. 11C(1)(a) that they can monitor the bores themselves and provide the data (even though the usual approach is for the mine to do it)
- DLGWV assessed the issue and decided that there is no impaired capacity (so make good arrangements not currently needed)
- s. 11C(1)(a) believes there has been impairment (but DLGWV noted that the same volume of water is being used)

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- As part of the license conditions, the mine submits annual report for awhile as well as performance review reports (inc monitoring info collected, which may require models to be updated). This provides early identification of progression towards impaired capacity.
- DLGWV have taken this concern as far as they can
- Potential similar concern for Kestrel mine which neighbours Gregory Crinum - Kestrel and Gregory Crinum have joint cumulative impact modelling which also does not show impaired capacity at s. 11C(1)(a) bores - Kestrel is located closer to the bores (but mining moving in opposite direction) - When asked about make good arrangements with Kestrel, s. 11C(1)(a) responded that they didn't have one and intended to get one after Gregory Crinum.

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RE: Advice request: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine extension approval and impacts to local landholders [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Date Mon 4/13/2026 5:00 PM
To s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au>

1 attachment (8 MB)
2021-9127_Gregory Crinum_LH query.pptx;

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Hi s. 47F(1)

I 've taken a look at this one for you. Note I focused very much on bores associated with the s. 11C(1)(a) raising the query. It 's an interesting one, happy to talk to you about it further. See the attached for my conclusions. It is in a powerpoint as I wanted to be able to include a few figures and annotate these easily.

Thanks,
s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au >
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2026 4:48 PM
To: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au >
Cc: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au >
Subject: RE: Advice request: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine extension approval and impacts to local landholders [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s. 47F(1)! We are currently sitting on some min corro we need to address in one way or another, but this is already overdue. If you could get back to us in the next week or two that would be amazing.

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Assistant Director

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Ph: s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2026 3:51 PM
To: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Cc: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Advice request: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine extension approval and impacts to local landholders [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s. 47F(1)

I can take a look for you. What kind of timelines are you thinking?

Thanks,

s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 4:03 PM
To: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Cc: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Subject: Advice request: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine extension approval and impacts to local landholders [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

I am hoping to procure your brain for some advice on a project? (as a lower priority because the project has already been approved)

We approved the Gregory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension (EPBC 2021/9127) back in August 2023 (and a post-approval water management plan in December 2023). At the end of last year we received an email from a s. 11C(1)(a) who was concerned that groundwater drawdown from the project would impact on their property and was upset that the department had not considered s. 11C(1)(a) ublic comment during assessment s. 11C(1)(a) followed up multiple times since, and I want to get a clear idea of the kinds of impacts we are potentially looking at for s. 11C(1)(a) to know if we missed something during assessment (which we should follow up on further), or if we did cover everything necessary in the approval.

Some key points:

- s. 11C(1)(a) (1-3 on the attached map, 4 is the mine extension).
- My reading suggests that predicted drawdown is between 2-5m by 2050 in the vicinity of s. 11C(1)(a) s. 11C(1)(a) (but I don ’t know if this is just from the extension or the mine as a whole)
- The PER states that if there were impacts to groundwater then they would have already occurred as part of the existing mine, and additional impacts would be minimal. It also states that no serous environmental harm is predicted to occur to any recognised groundwater aquifer. How accurate do you think these statements are based on their modelling?
- The IESC mentioned more monitoring bores were needed outside the project area. I note that they included more bores but they aren ’t necessarily outside the project area (PER and WMP). Do you believe the current bore monitoring network and triggers would be sufficient to detect problems at s. 11C(1)(a) s. 11C(1)(a) I note the PER commits to ‘make good ’ arrangements, but also note this is only if impacts are detected.

I ’d very much appreciate your thoughts on this whenever you are able. Happy to chat it through too. Also just noting that I will be away next week but will be back on board Tuesday 7 th .

Project: Project: Mara Project: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension Project - Dynamics 365

Correspondence with landholder: PAS Mara - Project - Compliance - All Documents

Most recent correspondence that sparked my request to you: 2021-9127 PDMS item March 2026 - Summary of issue and request for reconsideration.msg

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Thanks,

s. 47F(1)

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RE: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dlgwv.qld.gov.au>
Date Wed 5/13/2026 3:11 PM
To s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>

1 attachment (243 KB)
20260217_Letter_Out s. 11C(1)(a) Response to Request for Assessment of Impacts to Bores_Final.pdf;

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Thank-you for taking my call.

As discussed, here is a copy of the advice that was provided back to s. 11C(1)(a)

Feel free to reach out if you require any further information.

Regards

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s. 47F(1)
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Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers

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From: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au >
Sent: Tuesday, 12 May 2026 11:13 AM
To: s. 47F(1)
Subject: Gregory Crinum Coal Mine enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

I just tried to call you. s. 47F(1) at DETSI recommended I speak to you about groundwater issues for the Gregory Crinum Coal Mine. We (and I believe you) have been managing some correspondence from a s. 11C(1)(a) s. 11C(1)(a) and I wanted to get in touch to check on State-level options (e.g. make-good arrangement) you might be looking into, to get a guide on how we can proceed at the Commonwealth level.

My number is below, or I扩 be happy to set up a teams meeting.

Thanks,

s. 47F(1)

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From Queensland North Assessments <queensland.north.assessments@dcceew.gov.au>
Date Mon 12/1/2025 1:43 PM
To s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au>

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Just forwarding for your visibility.

Cheers,
s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1) | Assessment Officer

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – s. 47F(1)

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From: EPBC Referrals <EPBC.Referrals@dcceew.gov.au >
Sent: Friday, 28 November 2025 4:23 PM
To: Queensland North Assessments <queensland.north.assessments@dcceew.gov.au >
Cc: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au >
Subject: FW: EPBC2021/9127 Gregory mine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon Queensland North Assessments team,

Just following up on the below email sent through 06/11/2025, just wanting to confirm if you have responded to s. 11C(1)(a) and if not can you please advise on the below email?

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Also noting that s. 11C(1)(a) was submitting an FOI request regarding this project. If you have received the FOI request and responded s. 11C(1)(a) please let me know as it will help with my response s. 11C(1)(a) if need be.

Thank you

s. 47F(1)

Senior Validation Officer

Environment Regulation Division | EPBC Regulatory Support Branch | Engagement and Referrals Gateway

Working remotely from Gubbi Gubbi Country, North Brisbane

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From: EPBC Referrals <epbc.referrals@dcceew.gov.au >
Sent: Thursday, 6 November 2025 2:22 PM
To: Queensland North Assessments <queensland.north.assessments@dcceew.gov.au >
Cc: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au >; s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1) @dcceew.gov.au >
Subject: FW: EPBC2021/9127 Gregory mine

Good afternoon Qld North Assessments,

We have received a complaint from s. 11C(1)(a) email sent to the department s. 11C(1)(a) states s. 11C(1)(a) did not receive a response nor did his objections get considered in the assessment decision of this project.

Could you please assist us with s. 11C(1)(a) complaint and advise if s. 11C(1)(a) objection was included in the final decision package for **2021/9127 G regory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension Project.**

Any assistance on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

s. 47F(1)

Senior Validation Officer

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MC26-001915 - (Shaw) - Request for Ministerial Review – EPBC 2021/9127, Gregory Crinum Mine extension into M-Block - Environment Regulation

From Minister Watt <Minister.Watt@dcceew.gov.au>
Date Wed 3/11/2026 8:06 AM
To MinisterialCorrespondence <MinisterialCorrespondence@dcceew.gov.au>

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Hi Min Corro team,

Please register to ERD for Dept Reply.

Thanks

s. 47F(1)

Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Minister for the Environment and Water

P: s. 47F(1)

E-mail: DLOWatt@dcceew.gov.au

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From: s. 11C(1)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2026 12:14 PM
To: Minister Watt <Minister.Watt@dcceew.gov.au >; senator.watt@aph.gov.au
Subject: Request for Ministerial Review – EPBC 2021/9127

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s. 11C(1)(a)

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FW: Subject: Urgent follow-up: Formal review request – EPBC 2021/9127 (Gregory Crinum Mine M-Block Extension) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From DLO Watt <dlowatt@dcceew.gov.au>
Date Tue 5/5/2026 1:10 PM
To MinisterialCorrespondence <MinisterialCorrespondence@dcceew.gov.au>
Cc s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>

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Hi Min Corro team,

Please add as an attachment to **MC26-001915 .**

Thanks!

s. 47F(1)

Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Minister for the Environment and Water

P: s. 47F(1)

E-mail: DLOWatt@dcceew.gov.au

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From: s. 11C(1)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2026 1:05 PM
To: Environment.compliance <environment.compliance@dcceew.gov.au >; Minister Watt <minister.watt@dcceew.gov.au >; Watt, Murray (Senator) <senator.watt@aph.gov.au >
Subject: Subject: Urgent follow-up: Formal review request – EPBC 2021/9127 (Gregory Crinum Mine M-Block Extension)

Dear EPBC Compliance / DCCEEW Team,

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FOI Document Schedule – LEX 81622 - Documents regarding objection to the M-Block Extension Project

FOI Team to complete

Doc No.	Date	Number of pages	Document type and title	Sensitivities - What harm could flow from release of document	Proposed third party consultations	Third party response	Decision
EXAMPLE - X	DD/MM/YYYY	X	TYPE OF DOCUMENT TITLE OF DOCUMENT/SUBJECT OF EMAIL	SPECIFIC SENSITIVITIES IN DOCUMENT (If any)	THIRD PARTIES WHOM HAVE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO OBJECT TO THE RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENT. If there are no sensitivities, there are no grounds to consult with third parties		
EXAMPLE - 1	13/09/2011	4	**EXAMPLE EMAIL DOCUMENT** Email correspondence Subject: Offsets of X	Discusses offset strategy of X Corporation	X Corporation	X Corp objects to release of offset material	*Release in part* Section 47G - details of offset strategy of X Corporation
1	29/06/2023	180	Public Environment Report	None - this document is publically available (https://www.sojitzblue.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Gregory-Crinum-Mine-M-Block-Extension-Project-EPBC-2021-9127-Public-Environment-Report-Jul-2023-Rev.-No.-7.pdf)	None		
2	15/08/2023	50	Recommendation Report	None, noting the statement of reasons is based directly on this document and is publically available	None		
3	30/11/2023	58	Statement of Reasons	None - this document is publically available (https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=407b173b-6261-ec11-80d0-00505684c137)	None		
4	26/06/2023	2	Email correspondence: Gregory Crinum PER including Public Notification submissions	Identification of Assessment Officer and proponent names and contact details	None		

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New Freedom of Information Request (LEX-81622)

Search Minute

Attention: Decision maker

Attached is a copy of a Freedom of Information (**FOI**) request:

Received from	s. 11C(1)(a)
Seeking	'All documents and correspondence between Sojitz Mine and the department in relation to our objection to the M Block extension. s. 11C(1)(a) with our concerns about the de watering. Also what documents where used in the granting this extension in relation to our objection.' Documents from 9 June 2023 to 31 August 2023.
Received on	Monday 10 November 2025
Earliest due date	Wednesday 10 December 2025

Action required

You are required to do the following by **close of business Wednesday 19 November 2025**:

- search for all documents within the scope of the request;
- retrieve all of the documents within the scope of the request;
- convert documents to PDF;
- complete the document schedule attached;
- complete **TABLE 1** and **TABLE 2**;
- certify the search minute; and
- return the search minute, document schedule and the documents to foi@dcceew.gov.au.

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If you are of the view that there may be a large number of documents or consultation involved, please feel free to call to discuss as we can send through an Estimate Minute instead if more appropriate.

Further assistance

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- any paper or other material on which there is writing;
- a map, plan, drawing or photograph;
- any paper or other material on which there are marks, figures, symbols or perforations having meaning to a person qualified to interpret them;
- any article or material from which sounds, images or writings are capable of being reproduced with or without the aid of any other article or device;
- any article on which information has been stored or recorded, either manually or electronically;
- any other record of information;
- any copy, reproduction or duplicate of such a thing; or
- any part of such a copy reproduction or duplicate.

The definition of 'document' does not include material maintained for reference purposes that is otherwise publicly available or Cabinet notebooks.

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TABLE 1 – Searches

All documents held by the department are subject to FOI requests.

Completed	Location	Description of search undertaken / search terms used	Outcome / relevance
☐	Case Management Systems: (names of systems)		
☑	Records Management Systems: (names of systems)	Mara search for documents and correspondence with proponent about public comments	One email found, three documents found.
☐	Electronic documents saved on computers, electronic devices including iPads or tablets, smartphones and apps (for example emails, text messages etc)		
☐	Electronic documents saved on portable media devices		
☐	Hardcopy files (for example documents stored in safes, compactus, tambours, desk drawers, records warehouses)		
☐	If applicable, backup systems		
☐	Other: (please specify)		

Additional comments (e.g. interpretation of the scope of the FOI request, additional details of searches conducted, an explanation as to why no documents found):
Out of the 4 items found relating to the FOI request, two of them are publicly available and links have already been sent to the requestor in response to a separate enquiry broadly concerning the same matter. For the second part of the request ('Also what documents where [sic] used in the granting this extension in relation to our objection'), we have taken this to mean documents that engaged directly with s. 11C(1)(a) objection; therefore, we have excluded other documents that were used in granting the extension but did not engage directly with s. 11C(1)(a) individual objection. s. 11C(1)(a) response itself has not been considered in scope, although it is identified as an attachment to some correspondence and other documents exchanged between DCCEEW and the proponent ('Sojitz Mine' in s. 11C(1)(a) request).

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TABLE 2 – Sensitivities and/or concerns

The FOI team will consider the following numbers when undertaking a preliminary assessment of charges.

Total number of pages within the scope of the request Note: 1 page that is double sided = 2 pages	No. of pages 290
Number of documents You must include material you think may be exempt in this estimate. Do not include exact duplicates but note that any annotations on a document that is otherwise identical to another document will result in it being treated as a separate document.	No. of documents 4
Estimate of number of pages which are sensitive (whole pages that are sensitive may be exempted in full) This means the pages which in your view **are sensitive** (i.e. you can envisage a harm that may flow from release of the pages) and which the FOI Team should review for consideration of whether they are exempt under the FOI Act and should be deleted in full.	No. of pages 0
Estimate of number of pages containing sensitivities (pages that contain some non-sensitive information and some sensitive information which may be exempted) This means the pages which in your view **contain sensitivities** (i.e. you can envisage a harm that may flow from release of some information contained on these pages) and which you would like the FOI Team to review for consideration of whether they contain information which is exempt under the FOI Act and should be deleted prior to release but with remaining portions released.	No. of pages 2
Total number of third parties to be consulted A third party is any individual, business, organisation or State department, agency or body whose information is contained in the documents and whose views will need to be sought as to possible release of their information under the FOI request. Note that other Commonwealth agencies are specifically excluded from this definition.	No. of third parties 0

As the subject matter experts, you are best placed to identify sensitivities in the documents. Please complete the **attached** document schedule.

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Certification

I certify that I have undertaken, or caused to be undertaken, all reasonable searches for documents falling within the scope of this FOI request as set out on page one of the covering minute. I also certify that the information provided is an appropriate and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be required to appear and give evidence before the Australian Information Commissioner or the Administrative Review Tribunal in relation to the searches for documents undertaken.

Signature	Name, Position/ Level, Branch/Section	Date
s. 47F(1)	s. 47F(1), Assistant Director, Environment Assessments Queensland, Queensland North Assessments	20/11/2025
Searching for and collating/providing documents: **Time spent: 30mins**		

Signature (AS)	Name (AS)	Date
M Say	Mark Say, Acting Branch Head, Environment Assessments Queensland	21 November 2025
Reviewing documents: **Time spent:** 30 mins		

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A new request for access to documents under the FOI ACT

From dcceew.noreply@govcms.gov.au <dcceew.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Date Mon 11/10/2025 3:47 PM
To FOI Contact Officer <foi@dcceew.gov.au>

A new request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information ACT 1982* has been submitted from the DCCEEW web site.

The details are:

Title
s. 11C(1)(a)

Family name
s. 11C(1)(a)

Given name
s. 11C(1)(a)

E-mail address
s. 11C(1)(a)

Post is my preferred method of receiving correspondence from the department.
No

Postal address
s. 11C(1)(a)

City-suburb
s. 11C(1)(a)

State
s. 11C(1)(a)

Country
s. 11C(1)(a)

Postcode
s. 11C(1)(a)

Contact number
s. 11C(1)(a)

Agency or Minister
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Help our searches by specifying the types of documents you want
All documents and correspondence between Sojitz Mine and the department in relation to our objection to the M Block extension. The email was sent on the s. 11C(1)(a)

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with our concerns about the de watering. Also what documents where used in the granting this extension in relation to our objection .

Document from
9 June 2023

Document to
31 August 2023

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FW: Gregory mine

From s. 47F(1) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8854A1AE463E43C98EF095318949D3A0-0CFFB953-5C>
Date Tue 11/25/2025 9:35 AM
To Environment.compliance <Environment.compliance@dcceew.gov.au>
Cc s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>

1 attachment (595 KB)
STAT-E-100685367_4_EEONotice - LATEST.pdf;

Good morning Compliance,

Following on from my email last week about the complaint regarding the approved Gregory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension (EPBC 2021/9127), please see the attached Environmental Enforcement Order from DETSI.

Thanks,

s. 47F(1)
Assistant Director

Environment Regulation Division | Environment Assessments Queensland Branch | Queensland North Assessments Section
Ph: s. 47F(1)

From: s. 11C(1)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 25 November 2025 8:07 AM
To: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au >
Subject: Gregory mine

For your information.

Regards

s. 11C(1)(a)

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Potential future compliance consideration - Gregory Crinum Mine QLD (EPBC 2021/9127)

From S. 47F(1) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8854A1AE463E43C98EF095318949D3A0-0CFFB953-5C>

Date Wed 11/19/2025 4:59 PM

To Environment.compliance <Environment.compliance@dcceew.gov.au>; Environment.compliance <Environment.compliance@dcceew.gov.au>

Cc S. 47F(1) <S. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>; S. 47F(1) <S. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>

1 attachment (88 KB)

RE: EPBC2021/9127 Gregory mine [SEC=OFFICIAL].msg;

Hi compliance team,

We have recently received the attached correspondence from a landholder near to the recently approved Gregory Crinum Mine M-Block extension (EPBC 2021/9127). I just wanted to bring it to your attention in case there are any compliance activities associated with the action in the future.

Thanks,

S. 47F(1)

S. 47F(1)

Assistant Director

Environment Regulation Division | Environment Assessments Queensland Branch | Queensland North Assessments Section

Ngunnawal Country, John Gorton Building, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600, GPO Box 3090

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Acknowledgement of Country

Our department recognises the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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FW: EPBC2021/9127 Gregory mine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Date Wed 11/19/2025 1:03 PM
To s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>
Cc s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au>

OFFICIAL

Hi s. 47F(1)

Please see below response from s. 11C(1)(a) Noting that s. 11C(1)(a) has not expressed a desire to withdraw the FOI request, we will process the request accordingly.

s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)

Assistant Director

Environment Regulation Division | Environment Assessments Queensland Branch | Queensland North Assessments Section

Ph: s. 47F(1)

OFFICIAL

From: s. 11C(1)(a)
Sent: Monday, 17 November 2025 2:00 PM
To: s. 47F(1) <s. 47F(1)@dcceew.gov.au >
Cc: s. 11C(1)(a)
Subject: Re: EPBC2021/9127 Gregory mine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s. 11C(1)(a),s. 11C(1)(b)

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