

REGIONAL INTERESTS DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL (RIDA)

RPI25/005: Gallium QLD Pty Ltd – Glenlea Project

(Given under section 53 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*)

Date: 14 August 2025

Description of the land

Real property description: Lot 29 on RW89, Lot 30 and 31 on RW90, Lot 9 on RW431, Lot 44 on RW90 and Lot 45 on RW85

Area of regional interest: Wide Bay Burnett Strategic Environmental Area (WBB SEA)

Local Government Area: North Burnett Regional Council

Approved resource activities

The approved resource activities are set out in **Table 1** below.

A summary of the proposed resource activities in the WBB SEA are provided in **Table 2** below.

This development approval authorises impacts on the WBB SEA by the approved resource activities.

Table 1: Approved resource activities

Area of regional interest	Location	Resource activity	Area of disturbance (ha)
WBB SEA	Lot 29 on RW89	Access tracks	0.24
	Lot 44 on RW90	Access tracks	0.54
	Lot 29 on RW89	Drill lines (x 5)	0.87
	Lot 44 on RW90	Drill lines (x 10)	3.93
	Lot 29 on RW89 Lot 30 on RW90 Lot 31 on RW90 Lot 45 on RW85 Lot 9 on RW 431	Area of potential exploration activities	14.42
Total area of disturbance:			20.0

Table 2: Description summary of the proposed resource activities in the WBB SEA

Resource activity	Summary of proposal
Access tracks	- Construction of three, 4.0m wide drill line access tracks. - Use of existing station tracks to gain access to the exploration areas. - Blade-up track construction to minimise disturbance to topsoil. - Rehabilitated once exploration concludes.

Drill lines	• Exploration drilling will be undertaken wholly within drill lines to minimise the level of overall disturbance and disturbance to environmental attributes. • Vegetation clearing and minor earthworks may be required to prepare drill lines and will be by blade up method to minimise disturbance to roots and topsoil. • Drilling will be undertaken using air core drilling methods to a depth of up to 30m which will be conducted by a qualified and experienced contractor. • Drilling equipment is likely to include the drill rig (3 or 4 axle body truck), a support truck (3 or 4 axle body truck) and 4WD utilities. • Rehabilitated once exploration concludes.
Area of potential exploration activities	• Will involve construction of access tracks and drill lines. • All exploration is to comply with existing exploration permits issued by DETSI.

Regional interests conditions

A person who is the holder of, or is acting under, this RIDA must not contravene any of the conditions related to this approval.

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
1.	Carry out the approved resource activities in the WBB SEA generally in accordance with: (a) the resource activities identified in Table 1: Approved resource activities; (b) the resource activities as described in Table 2: Description summary of the proposed resource activities in the WWB SEA; and (c) Figure 2 – Proposed Resource Activities – Gallium Pty Ltd, prepared by Ardent Group Pty Ltd dated 14 April 2025 (Attachment 1).	At all times
2.	Access tracks should be co-located as much as practically possible.	At all times
3.	The resource activities must only be undertaken in the dry season.	At all times
4.	Disturbance within wildlife corridors that is no longer required for the resource activities must be rehabilitated within 6 months of no longer being required. <i>Disturbance: means any impact to the landscape, vegetation, air quality, hydrology, habitat, or water quality that has been directly or indirectly caused by human activity associated with the resource activity.</i>	As specified
5	Clearing required for the resource activities must be conducted using a 'blade-up' method. Where this method is not practical, disturbance to groundcover must be minimised.	At all times

	Blade-up method: means the clearing of vegetation by a grader or dozer blade that is tilted back to prevent it from cutting the ground surface and in a way that keeps the rootstock, topsoil and seedbank in-tact.	
6.	Contaminants from the resource activities must not be directly or indirectly released to a watercourse, wetland, drainage feature or to the banks of a watercourse, wetland, drainage feature or to groundwater. Contaminants: means water contaminants as defined in Schedule 10 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019.	At all times
7.	Stormwater from the resource activities must be managed in a manner that prevents release of contaminants to the receiving environment.	At all times
8.	Resource activities across watercourses must avoid causing impacts due to erosion, sedimentation, diversion, or otherwise degradation of beds and banks, and associated vegetation.	At all times
9.	Measures to minimise the diversion of overland flow must be implemented during construction and operation activities.	At all times
10.	Where possible, utilise existing roads and access tracks to minimise disturbance.	At all times
11.	Any new access tracks must be constructed to allow for the natural passage of surface water.	At all times
12.	Upon cessation of drilling and/or geological interest in the activity area, drill lines and drill holes are to be rehabilitated in accordance with the relevant conditions of the Environmental Authority.	As specified
13.	(a) All complaints received, and resulting actions taken, about the impact of the approved resource activities on the environmental attributes in the WBB SEA must be recorded. The record must include: (i) name, address and contact number of the complainant (ii) time and date of complaint (iii) reasons for the complaint (iv) investigations undertaken (v) conclusions formed (vi) actions taken to resolve the complaint (vii) any abatement measures implemented (viii) person responsible for resolving the complaint. (b) Provide records of any complaints received and recorded in accordance with this condition to the chief executive at RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au <i>Note: The record of complaint provided to the chief executive must state the application reference number, being RPI25/005.</i>	At all times

14.	A full copy of the regional interests development approval must be kept on-site and available to any person(s) contracted to undertake the approved resource activities.	At all times
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General Advice

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all relevant approvals and licenses are obtained from the applicable Local, State, and/or Federal Authorities prior to works commencing on site.

Attachment 1 – Approved Plan

