

# Media Release

## Environment Protection Authority



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### **Online public access to EPA licences**

Licences have been published on the EPA website, as part of the authority's commitment to progressively upload environmental information held on its public register.

From today, around 2100 licences are available for viewing online to enable people to better understand the licensing conditions that are in place across the State to protect the environment and nearby communities.

EPA Acting Chief Executive, Tony Circelli, said environmental licensing is one of the tools used by the EPA to work actively with industry and businesses to safeguard against potential public and environmental harm.

“Our approach to licensing ensures that businesses conduct their activities fully aware of their environmental responsibilities and are compliant with conditions outlined on their licences,” he said.

“The upload of licence information is the latest stage in making EPA-held information more accessible to the public. People can search for licences by suburb or company name to find out what licences are in place near them and what the operating conditions are to protect the environment.”

The EPA reviews licences every five years in most instances, unless urgent circumstances exist that require a licence review earlier. The EPA uses a range of tools to ensure compliance with licence conditions such as inspections and audit programs. Where non-compliance is detected, the EPA will act quickly and decisively and take legal action if warranted.

Licence information refers to all types of environmental authorisations; licences, works approvals and exemptions and will be updated within the Public Register Directory section of the EPA's website on a quarterly basis.

Other information now available through the Public Register Directory includes enforcement actions and notifications of actual and potential groundwater site contamination.

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