



Department of
**Environment and
Heritage Protection**

Notice of Decision

Approval of application

Mr R McCormack
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Our reference: TWB9910 356572

Dear Mr McCormack

I am pleased to advise that your application for a Scientific Purposes Permit and Permit to Collect for your project "Australian Crayfish Project and Australian Aquatic Biodiversity Study" has been approved.

Please find enclosed permit numbers WITK12008812 and TWB/38/2012 which have been issued under the provisions of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. You are asked to carefully read the conditions attached to this permit. Included with this letter is advice on the review and appeal process that may be available to you. Should you seek a review or appeal, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (the department) advises that you seek independent advice before taking such action.

Please be aware that Ngalba Bulal National Park is part of the traditional estate of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji People, the Native Title holders. As such, in the exercise of activities permitted under this permit you must, wherever possible, take into account the native title rights and interests of the Native Title holders and Traditional Owners of the area and where possible opportunities must be made available for them to accompany you when working at this location.

We have also received a request from Just Us Lawyers on behalf of the Butchulla People #2 and the Butchulla Land and Sea Claim #2 that you provide them with written notification at least ten business days prior to commencement of activities in the Great Sandy region. This notification must include locations of sites, duration of survey and relevant details in relation to boats or vehicles used. They have also requested annual reports regarding the number and species of animals taken, apparatus used and the number of days research undertaken. For further information, please contact Brittany Byrne at Just Us Lawyers on (07) 3315 2727 and quote their reference TB:BB 12291.

The Principal Holder listed on the permit is responsible for all activities that are undertaken under the jurisdiction of the permits listed above, including the activities of nominated authorised assistants. Your cooperation is requested in observing the following matters:

- Consideration must be given to opportunities where Traditional Owners may participate in your research.

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- Whilst working on parks, you are encouraged to wear appropriate safety clothing eg long sleeve shirts, long pants and steel capped boots and carry a first aid kit and telephone in case of emergency.
- Additional persons authorised to collect under this permit must while collecting
 - (a) carry a copy of the permit endorsed by the permit holder with the additional persons name and residential address; and
 - (b) carry a form of identification that displays a coloured photograph of the person, such as a Queensland driver licence.
- Names of additional persons authorised and endorsed by you should be provided in writing to the office issuing the permit.
- Any change of details including change of name, residential address, postal address or business address must be advised in writing before or immediately after the change has occurred.

A return of operations (Wildlife Data Return and Report) must be submitted on the standard reporting forms within 10 business days of the anniversary date of the permit each year the permit is in force; and within 10 business days of the expiry date.

Please submit these forms, along with any reports or publications arising from the research to the Project Officer (Scientific Permits), Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, PO Box 731, Toowoomba QLD 4350. Alternatively, reports may be submitted electronically to SPPreport.southern@ehp.qld.gov.au. Penalties may apply if returns are not submitted.

Total protection of all things occurring naturally on a park applies, and due consideration to public opinion is expected to be given at all times.

This permit does not give or imply the right to enter any land. Prior permission of the landholder, in the case of private property, or the Agency responsible for administration of the land, must be obtained prior to entry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



Rosie Savoca
 Delegate
 Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

DATE: 25.10.12

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PERMIT TO COLLECT
BIOLOGICAL OR GEOLOGICAL MATERIAL
FROM QUEENSLAND FOREST RESERVES, STATE FORESTS,
TIMBER RESERVES AND OTHER STATE LANDS
PERMIT NUMBER: TWB/38/2012

This permit authorises, **Robert McCormack of Australian Aquatic Biological Pty Ltd, 379-383 Pitt Street, Sydney, New South Wales**, to access the area(s) specified in **Schedule 1** for the purpose of collecting the biological and/or geological material prescribed in **Schedule 2** over the period specified in **Schedule 3** subject to the general conditions attached and the following specific conditions:

1. Authorised method of collection: Hand, nets, crayfish/shrimp traps
2. Approved structures for the activity: Nil
3. Group size must not exceed: Five (5) individuals at any given time without prior approval from the Ranger in Charge
4. Prior to commencing work, the Permit Holder must contact the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) Senior Ranger or Ranger in Charge of each State Forest listed. Contact should be made during business hours (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) at least one week prior to entering the forest. Details of actual times and proposed locations on the forest shall be given. A list of contacts has been provided with this permit.
5. The Permit Holder must also contact HQPlantations Pty Ltd (during business hours) **on (07) 4170 2804** for advice on forest road suitability and/or notification of incidents occurring on Plantation Licence Area at least one week prior to commencing any activity in the Plantation Licence Area of **Geham, Mount Binga, Pechey and Mount Mee State Forests**.
6. Access is prohibited to the Centipede logging area in Mount Mee State Forest due to plantation operations currently taking place. This area is sign-posted. Do not enter.
7. All equipment used at a study site must be cleaned and disinfected before reuse at another site and after each separate collection activity/field trip. Ensure used handling equipment does not come in contact with clean gloves or bags. Footwear, vehicles and handling equipment must be cleaned before and after each separate collection activity and before collections occurring at each different site. As a guiding principle, each individual water body is to be considered a separate study site. Where a stream consists of a series of distinctive tributaries or sub-catchments or where there is an obvious break or division, they should be treated as separate study sites.
8. The Permittee must ensure that all litter and other waste materials generated by the activity are removed from the site at the completion of each visit. All site markers are to be removed from the site upon completion of the study.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. In the event of wet weather, the Permittee must contact both the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and HQPlantations Pty Ltd during business hours for advice on forest road suitability and/or notification of incidents occurring on State Forest.
2. It is a requirement that the Permittee and participants shall at all times
 - a. comply with any direction contained or given by a sign or notice erected, placed or displayed on the Permit area, and
 - b. comply with any direction given by a Plantation Officer or Forest Officer in regard to the use of the permit area where such direction is necessary maintain good order of the Permit area and safety of any person using same.
3. Reserving or cordoning off any part of the permit area so as to imply exclusive use is not permitted unless is for legitimate safety reasons or as instructed by the authorising officer.
4. Traversing must be restricted to formed roads only. Vehicle use within plantation areas must be restricted to major through roads suitable for two-way traffic.
5. Unless specifically authorised, collections shall not be carried out within Scientific Areas, Feature Protection Areas, State Forest Parks, Forest Drives or in the vicinity of established recreational facilities.
6. The permittee must carry this permit at all times and produce it if requested by a QPWS or HQPlantations Pty Ltd Officer.
7. Unless otherwise specified, this permit does not authorise the use of firearms within the permit area.
8. At the completion of collection and subsequent determinations, the research results must be returned to the issuing office as soon as possible.
9. If new species or lower taxa are described from the collection:
 - Holotype material of any fauna group is to be lodged with the Queensland museum, where practicable;
 - For Class Insecta, duplicate material is to be lodged with the Australian National Insect Collection, CSIRO Canberra or Queensland Museum, where practicable;
 - For flora, type material (holotype or isotypes) to be lodged with the Queensland Herbarium.
10. Any accidents involving persons or livestock or damage to any vehicles or property, must be reported to QPWS by the next working day.
11. The permittee shall not pledge, transfer or in any way charge the rights and benefits granted by this permit in whole or in part to any other person.
12. QPWS and HQPlantations Pty Ltd reserve the right to close roads as required for operational purposes (e.g. harvesting and establishment of plantations) or during periods of adverse weather conditions. Entry into areas closed for any reason is prohibited.
13. Stock or improvement including any fence or grid must not be interfered with. All gates opened must be securely closed immediately after use.

14. Notwithstanding the currency of this permit, the use of State Forest roads/tracks in a manner or at such times (e.g. during periods of wet weather) when such use would cause unreasonable damage to the road surface is prohibited.

15. All litter and other waste materials generated by this activity must be removed from the State Forest upon completion of the activity.

16. Indemnity

16.1 The permittee -

(a) indemnifies; and

(b) releases and discharges

the State of Queensland ("the State") and HQPlantations Pty Ltd from and against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, losses, damages and expenses which sustain or be put to by reason of, or in consequence of, or in connection with the occupation and use of the Estate(s) identified in the table(s) below ("the Estate") by the permittee except to the extent of any negligent act of the State or HQPlantations Pty Ltd, its servants or agents.

16.2 The Permittee is to report all incidents involving death or injury to any person to QPWS and HQPlantations Pty Ltd. Incident involving death or serious injury (involving hospitalisation) must be reported to the offices listed on the attached list. All other injuries and incidents must be reported the next business day.

16.3 The permittee must notify the QPWS and HQPlantations Pty Ltd in writing of any loss or damage immediately upon the permittee becoming aware of such loss or damage.

17. The Permittee is responsible for ensuring all participants use appropriate personal protective equipment including safety helmets, safety boots and high visibility clothing.

18. **Compliance with Laws**

- a. the Permittee must at its own expense during the term comply with all Acts of Parliament, local laws, regulations or rules for the time being in force which apply to the Permit Area and/or the Permittee's use of the Permit area.

19. **No Warranty**

19.1 the State does not warrant that the Permit Area is free from defect or that it is safe or suitable for the Permitted Use.

19.2 the Permittee uses the Permit Area entirely at its own risk and acknowledges that it has checked the area to ensure that it is suitable for the Permitted Use.

SCHEDULE 1

The holder of this permit has the authority to collect from the following areas, subject to any conditions attached.

Bellthorpe State Forest	Denogwar State Forest	Geham State Forest
Koombooloomba Forest Reserve	Koombooloomba South Forest Reserve	
Mount Binga State Forest	Mount Mee State Forest	Pechey State Forest

SCHEDULE 2

The permit holder is authorised to collect and/or interfere with material as detailed below.

Aquatic invertebrates

This permit authorises the holder to collect by hand, keep and use the listed species within the listed areas for the purposes of the Australian Crayfish Project and Australian Aquatic Biodiversity Survey, as outlined in the application and subsequent correspondence.

The majority of identifications and records must be undertaken through observation where possible. Others may be captured, examined and released at the site of capture unharmed.

VOUCHER SPECIMENS

Evidently pregnant females are not to be taken as voucher specimens.

Collections should be spread across a wide geographical area within each forest to avoid localised impacts on small populations.

Up to two (2) specimens may be retained of new populations found in new locations.

Up to 12 specimens of new species may be retained. Up to six females and six males of each species may be collected by hand, hand held scoop net and meat on a string from each protected area listed. Burrows may be excavated by hand and logs and stones moved to collect specimens however, all holes must be backfilled with local substrate and all logs and stones replaced into their original positions.

Live specimens that are taken for research may be retained for a maximum of 12 months to allow for morphological description of the new species, following which all live animals must be euthanised.

Animals must not be released in to the wild after being held in captivity.

Upon completion of the study voucher specimens must be lodged with the Queensland Museum, unless released from this obligation by the Queensland Museum.

SCHEDULE 3

Period over which the permit is valid: **1 November 2012 until 31 October 2015 inclusive or until advised otherwise in writing.**

Authorising Officer  Place of Issue **Brisbane**

Rosie Savoca

Date: 25.10.12



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This list provides current contact details effective 24 October 2012, for the locations listed on permits WITK12008812 and TWB/38/2012. Please be aware that in some cases, it is necessary to contact more than one person/organisation prior to entering protected areas or State Forests. Due to safety and cultural implications it is important that you contact the numbers listed below PRIOR to entering these areas.

Bellthorpe National Park and State Forest(07) 5494 3983 Mark Lythall
Binya National Park(07) 4655 3173
Bribie Island National Park.....(07) 3408 8451
Cedar Bay (see Ngalba Bulal NP)
Conondale National Park.....(07) 5446 0925 Bronwyn McAdam
Crows Nest National Park.....(07) 4635 0918
Curtis Island National Park(07) 4971 6517
D'Aguilar National Park.....(07) 3289 2644
Davies Creek National Park.....(07) 4048 4717
Deongwar State Forest.....(07) 5466 2122
Geham State Forest(07) 4635 0918 (Note there is no permanent water on
Geham SF)
.....(07) 4170 2804 HQP

Great Sandy National Park (Fraser Island) .. (07) 4127 9128
Great Sandy National Park (Cooloola) (07) 5486 9950
 Also contact Brittany Byrne Just Us Lawyers (07) 3369 7145 and quote TB:BB12291

Hinchinbrook Island National Park.....(07) 4722 5343
Kondalilla National Park.....(07) 5494 3983 Mark Lythall
Koombooloomba Forest Reserve0427 124 709
Koombooloomba South Forest Reserve0427 124 709
Main Range National Park.....(07) 4666 1133
Maleny National Park.....(07) 5494 3983 Mark Lythall
Mapleton Falls National Park.....(07) 5494 3983 Mark Lythall
Mount Binga State Forest (07) 4160 0780 Michael Piper **AND** HQP on (07) 4170 2804
Mount Mee State Forest(07) 4170 2804 HQP

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Ngalba Bulal National Park(07) 4098 2188
Jabalbina Eastern Kuku Yalanji.....(07) 4098 5500 or ekyceo@jabalbina.com.au
Kuku Nyungkal Ranger Service(07) 4222 2617 or banayarralji@yahoo.com.au

Pechey State Forest(07) 4635 0918 **AND** (07) 4170 2804 HQP
Ravensbourne National Park(07) 4635 0918
Tully Falls National Park(07) 4777 2822 Marty Schultz

OTHER

Project Officer (Scientific Permits) Southern Qld.....(07) 4699 4366 Jacqui Brock
Project Officer (Scientific Permits) Northern Qld(07) 4796 7769 Karen Dabinett
Hancocks Queensland Plantations, Visitor Management Officer...(07) 5438 6637 Julie Angelini
Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing 13 74 68

Bushfires or medical emergencies dial 000 or dial 112 from a mobile telephone.