

Natural Resource Officer Nick PHILIPPA and Principal Technical Officer (Drilling), Bruce KEOGH  
phoned [redacted] on 16 April 2013 at approximately 2:01pm on [redacted]

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PHILIPPA introduced himself and KEOGH stating that the phone call was on loud speaker.

The following were the key points from the conversation:

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Comment: [redacted] seemed truthful throughout the conversation and appears keen to do the right thing in regard to drilling. KEOGH and PHILIPPA were satisfied with [redacted] answers, the test holes will be inspected on 17 April 2013 with a view to KEOGH requesting that [redacted] seal the holes as per the drilling standard and once the drilling logs and licence renewal have been submitted it is likely that this matter will not be taken any further.

[redacted] emailed by PHILIPPA. Requesting the information mentioned above, a copy of the email and these notes will be placed into CIRaM.

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**PHILIPPA Nick**

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**From:** Philippa Nick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 April 2013 9:12 AM  
**To:** ct [redacted]  
**Cc:** Keogh Bruce  
**Subject:** RE: Drilling conversation.

Thank you [redacted]

I'll give [redacted] a call.

Regards,

Nick Philippa  
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**From:** [redacted] ch4  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 April 2013 8:37 PM  
**To:** Philippa Nick  
**Subject:** Re: Drilling conversation.

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Regards  
[redacted]

**From:** Philippa Nick <[Nick.Phillippa@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Nick.Phillippa@dnrm.qld.gov.au)>  
**To:** [redacted] ch4  
**Cc:** Keogh Bruce <[Bruce.Keogh@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Bruce.Keogh@dnrm.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 April 2013 2:44 PM  
**Subject:** Drilling conversation.

Hi [redacted]

Thank you for your time today. As discussed you need to submit your drilling logs to Bruce ASAP. Also you need to submit a new licence application. I'll get Bruce to email the licence application to you today.

Also, as discussed please supply your [redacted] contact details.

Bruce and I will inspect the test holes in the near future. It's probable that no further department action will occur from a legal perspective, but that will depend on you providing the details as requested and fulfilling any drilling requirements in regard to the test holes, as specified by Bruce after we inspect them. Be advised though that it is an offence under the Water Act (2000) to drill without a licence. As indicated by Bruce this includes test holes.

So please provide the above-mentioned information ASAP and we'll give you another call once we've inspected the test holes.

Regards,

Nick.

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On 22 April 2013 at approximately 10:30am [redacted] attended the DNRM Mareeba office, located at 28 Peters Street, Mareeba QLD 4880. [redacted] was asked to attend the office for a meeting by Natural Resource Officer Nick PHILIPPA. Also in attendance at the meeting was Principal Technical Officer (Drilling) Bruce KEOGH.

PHILIPPA informed [redacted] that it was easier to have this discussion in person, rather than over a phone. PHILIPPA indicated to [redacted] that at this stage the department was not looking at legal action against [redacted] in relation to the unlicensed drilling of test holes and decommissioning not in accordance with the Minimum Construction Requirements for Water bores in Australia, Edition 3. [redacted] was informed that he is required to do three actions:

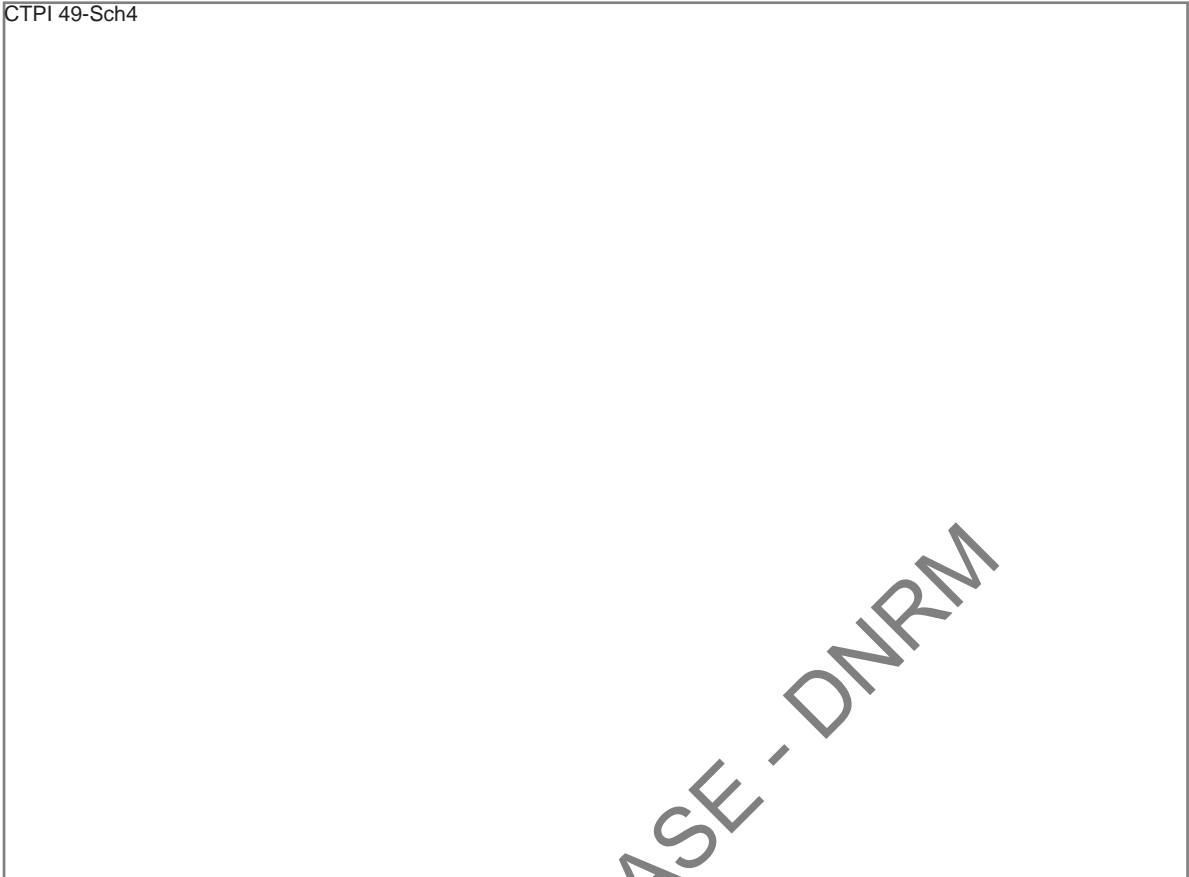
1 – complete a driller’s licence renewal

2 – submit logbooks for the drilled test holes and their decommissioning

3 – decommission the test holes in accordance with the current requirements in the supervision of KEOGH, as [redacted] could drill under KEOGH’s driller’s licence.

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The meeting ended at approximately 11:05am, KEOGH and PHILIPPA thanked  for his attendance.

Note: there will be two required actions for  on the letter:

1 – provide drill logs for the drilling and decommissioning of the test holes

2 - decommission the test holes in accordance with the current requirements in the supervision of KEOGH.

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29 April 2013

[Redacted]  
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Dear [Redacted]

As advised during our meeting on 22 April 2013, this letter provides actions required to be undertaken by you in relation to unlicensed drilling you have conducted on properties [Redacted]

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The following actions are required by you:

1. Provide completed drill logs for the drilling and incomplete decommissioning of both test holes in the driller's Logbook provided to you on 22 April 2013 by 5pm on 10 May 2013.
2. Contact Principal Technical Officer (Drilling) Bruce Keogh on telephone 4048 4875 once the drill logs have been submitted to arrange for the supervised decommissioning of the test holes in accordance with current Departmental guidelines by 5pm on 15 June 2013.

As also discussed during the meeting, should you be identified conducting any future unlicensed drilling, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (the Department) may take legal action against you. The penalty for not supplying records of water bores drilled under Section 313 of the Water Act 2000 'the Act' is a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units per bore (\$5,500). The penalty for unauthorised water bore activities under Section 816 of the Act is a maximum penalty of 500 penalty units per offence (\$55,000).

Should you have any further questions, please contact me on telephone 4048 4865.

Yours sincerely,

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