

**Question on Notice  
No. 580  
Asked on 20 May 2004**

QUESTION:

MRS E CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel)—

With reference to SPP now QERL—

What environmental licenses are currently issued to this company?

ANSWER:

My department advise me there are two transitional authorities held by Queensland Energy Resources Limited (QERL) or companies owned by QERL relating to the Shale Oil Project site at Gladstone.

One authorises the holders of the mining lease to explore for or mine minerals or petroleum. The other authorises the company to conduct several mining activities which are also Level 1 Environmentally Relevant Activities. This includes the oil extraction and refining plant.

There are currently five other environmental authorities from Mackay to Gladstone that are mining tenures, held in part or wholly by Southern Pacific Petroleum NL, and Central Pacific Minerals NL. These environmental authorities for exploration permits, for minerals and mineral development licences, are being transferred to QERL.