

FOUR WHEEL DRIVING

VISITOR INFORMATION SHEET

INTRODUCTION

HQPlantations Pty Ltd is one of Australia's largest privately owned timber plantation companies, managing approximately 345,000 hectares (ha) of land including 210,000 ha of hardwood and softwood plantations located throughout Queensland. The majority of these lands are State plantation forest which is managed by HQPlantations under a 99 year Plantation Licence granted by the Queensland Government.

State plantation forests comprising the Plantation Licence Area, are commercial forests and are primarily managed for the commercial growing, harvesting and protection of HQPlantations plantation timber assets. The extensive network of existing roads throughout these forests not only serve a practical purpose, allowing for timber harvesting and fire management, but also provide recreational opportunities for four wheel drivers

WHERE TO DRIVE

A network of roads and firebreaks criss-cross the Plantation Licence area. This network is made up of formed roads that are designed for vehicle traffic and are constructed with drainage structures such as a camber, table drains and whoa boys. The fire breaks are flat bladed tracks and are designed to assist in managing fire and not to sustain vehicle traffic. As such firebreaks are more susceptible to damage. 4WD access is therefore restricted to the existing network of formed forest road with access to firebreaks prohibited.

Care should be taken as forest roads are also used by walkers, horse riders, cyclist and other vehicles including harvesting machinery and logging trucks. HQPlantations may close roads periodically 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.

PERMITS

Individual drivers do not generally need a permit to drive within the Plantation Licence Area but must obey the regulatory signage, be licensed and operating a registered vehicle as outlined below. Commercial activities, organised activities (involving 5 or more vehicles) and permit to traverse events do however require a permit. Commercial, organised and competitive event permit application forms can be found on the HQPlantations website at www.hqplantations.com.au.

Roads within the Plantation Licence Area are defined as roads under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 2010* and as such all vehicles must be road worthy, fully road registered (use of conditionally registered vehicles for recreational use is not permitted) and the driver must be appropriately licensed for the vehicle.



CARE AND SAFETY IN THE FOREST

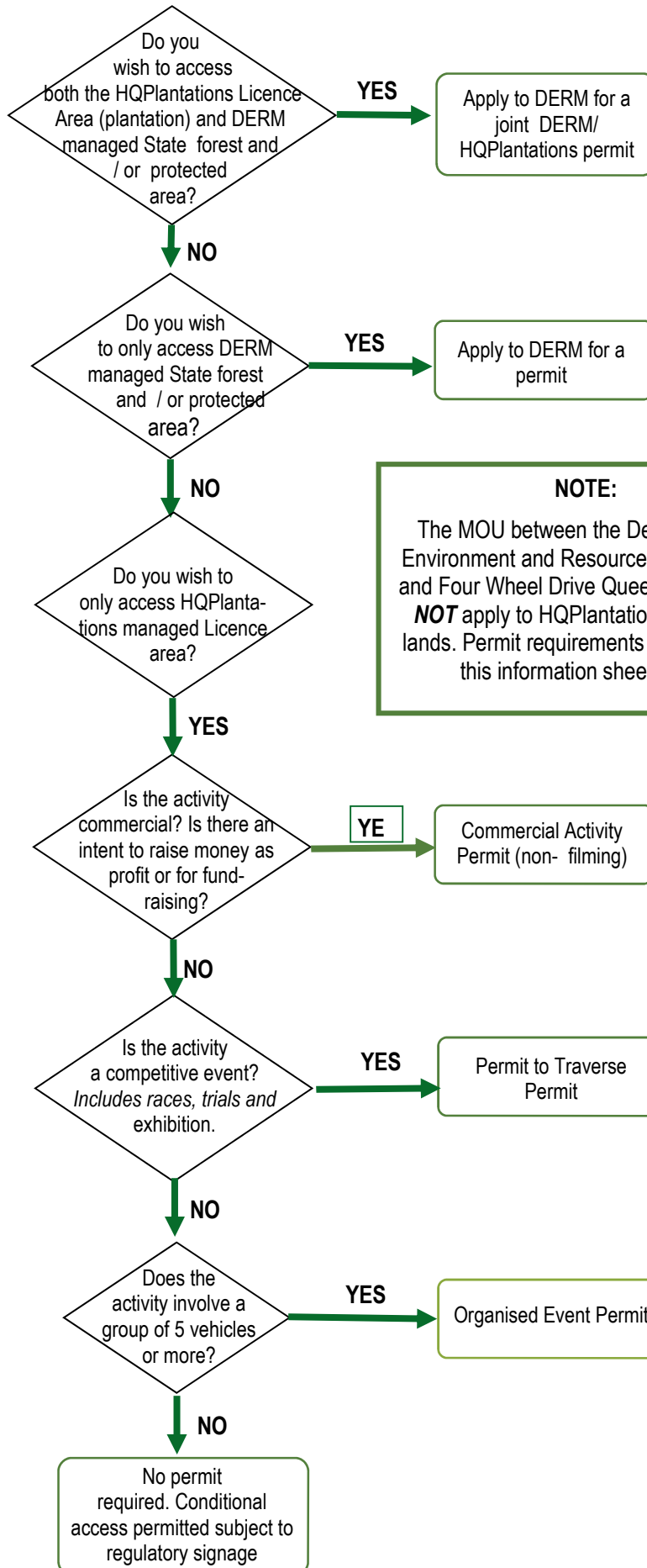
Access to the Plantation Licence area managed by HQPlantations provides four wheel drivers an opportunity to explore both natural and plantations forest landscape. With this opportunity come special responsibilities - please adhere to a minimal impact driving code and look after the forest you visit. Access to the Plantation Licence area is also conditional on remaining on formed roads and as such vehicle challenges (steep and/or rough terrain or excessively wet conditions) are not considered appropriate use and may result in actions to recoup road damage costs.

Please observe the following:

- Drive only on formed roads. Do not take shortcuts or form new trails
- Obey all regulatory notices and signs and respect road closures.
- Obtain a permit before conducting a organised, competitive or commercial activities.
- Expect to encounter heavy vehicle. Logging trucks and other traffic also use the roads.
- Remove all litter brought into the area by the driver.
- Make sure your vehicle is registered and in good condition
- Seek local advice on road conditions and avoid driving on roads during or after heavy rain.

For further information please contact HQPlantations Land Administration Officer on 07 5438 6666.

Do I need a permit and what permit do I need?



NOTE:

The MOU between the Department of Environment and Resource Management and Four Wheel Drive Queensland **DOES NOT** apply to HQPlantations managed lands. Permit requirements as outlined in this information sheet apply.