

PLANNING TO START A DEVELOPMENT?

A MUST TO APPLY FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT (EP)



Activities that Require an EIA



ENVIRONMENT

- Altering the physical geography of an area
- Generating pollution
- Impacting on ecosystem function and services



SOCIAL

- Requiring people to resettle
- The loss of assets or land
- Loss of gardens
- Affecting health and safety
- Unsustainable use of natural resources
- Using a resources in a way that may conflict with the existing use of that resources
- Affecting the ability of people to adapt to and mitigate the effect of climate change
- Generate noise
- Generate foul odours

WHAT IS EIA / ENV. PERMIT?

- EIA the process for identifying and managing the impacts of a project on the natural, social and custom environment.
- Environmental (ENV.) permits are one of the formal approvals required from the government of Vanuatu before activities are carried out.

WHEN IS AN EIA REQUIRED?

- For activities that are likely to impact the environment and require a licence, permit or approval under Vanuatu laws

WHEN IS AN EIA NOT REQUIRED?

- The construction of a normal residential building at least 30m from a water source, and custom structures made from traditional materials, are NOT subject to the EIA.

ENFORCING EIA LAWS

- The Environmental Protection and Conservation Act gives a range of powers to DEPC enforcement officers

Failure to Obtain an Environmental Permit

Provisions of the Act or Regulation	Paragraph 41 (1)(ca) of the Act: Carrying out any activity without the relevant permit or approval required under the Act or this regulation
Prescribed amount for first offence by individual	750,000
Prescribed amount for any subsequent offence by individual	2,000,000
Prescribed amount for first offence by body corporate	1,500,000
Prescribed amount for any subsequent offence by body corporate	10,000,000



CUSTOM/CULTURAL

- Affecting taboo site
- Affecting site declared as a national heritage



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