



Application for licence amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L9123/2018/2
Licence holder	Elders Rural Services Australia Ltd and Nutrien Ag Solutions Ltd
ACN	004 045 121 and 008 743 217
File number	DER2018/000478
Premises	Boyanup Saleyards 31 Salter Road BOYANUP WA 6237
Date of report	27 June 2024
Status of report	Final

Amendment description

This amendment is made pursuant to section 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) to amend the existing licence issued in respect the prescribed premises as set out below. This notice of amendment is hereby given under section 59B(9) of the EP Act.

This amendment is limited to the installation of effluent storage infrastructure at the premises.

In completing the assessment documented in this report, the department has considered and given due regard to its regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <http://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

Purpose and scope of assessment

Elders Rural Services Australia Ltd and Nutrien Ag Solutions Ltd (licence holder) are seeking additional storage options at the Boyanup Saleyards, to provide further effluent holding capacity at the site for the current winter period. An application was submitted on 17 June 2024 to include two new storage tanks as authorised infrastructure on the existing licence L9123/2018/2.

Background

The licence holder operates a livestock saleyard in the Boyanup townsite, about 20 km south of Bunbury. The main activities occurring on the premises include the temporary holding of cattle within pens, pending their sale, and the subsequent management of manure (faeces and urine) generated during cattle sales and effluent runoff.

Following a review of on-site waste management practices in mid-2023, the licence was amended to require, in amongst other things, a) the containment of all effluent runoff from the pens, and b) the off-site disposal of contained effluent to a premises that is lawfully able to accept that type of waste (i.e., no on-site disposal to the environment).

It is understood that since the start of the 2024 winter period, due to the lack of storage capacity at the premises the licence holder has been tankering effluent off-site at considerable expense, which is not economically feasible.

Proposed amendment

The licence holder is proposing to install 2 x 50 kL poly storage tanks on the premises, which will include basic earthworks for construction. The tanks will be placed on a compacted earth base and boxed in with timber and be located adjacent to the existing secondary sedimentation tank (SST) (see below figure).

The tanks will be joined by a DN100 balance pipe 300 mm from the base to allow pumped effluent to flow from one tank to the other. The tanks will also be installed with external coupling to allow vacuum trucks to directly access and remove bulk effluent (as required).

The tanks will be installed with DN90 PVC overflow pipework to the existing SST, to ensure any overflow from the tanks remain within the closed loop system.

No changes are proposed to current emissions and discharges at the premises, with the exception of the provision of temporary storage of effluent from the SST within the new tanks, prior to off-site disposal (instead of direct off-site removal from the SST).

Decision

The delegated officer has determined to include the two new tanks as authorised infrastructure on the premises for the temporary containment of effluent (transferred from the SST), as part of interim plans by the licence holder to upgrade and improve on-site waste management practices at the site.

