Licence number L8603/2011/3

Licence holder Shire of Yilgarn

Registered business address 23 Antares Street

**SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426** 

**DWER file number** DWERVT12463

**Duration** 29/01/2024 to 28/01/2045

Date of issue 29/01/2024

**Date of amendment** 7 February 2025

Premises details Southern Cross Landfill Site

**SOUTHERN CROSS 6426** 

Legal description -

Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 55299

Certificate of Title Volume LR3147 Folio 102

Lot 994 on Deposited Plan 91454

Certificate of Title Volume LR3061 Folio 160

Crown Reserve 37892

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> )	Assessed design capacity	
Category 61: Liquid waste facility	250 tonnes per annual period	
Category 64: Class II or III putrescible landfill site	5,000 tonnes per annual period	

This licence is granted to the licence holder, subject to the attached conditions, on 7 February 2025 by:

#### **SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER INDUSTRY REGULATION**

an officer delegated under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)

# **Instrument history**

Date	Reference number	Summary of changes
07/12/2009	W4569/2009/1	Works approval granted.
25/01/2012	L8603/2011/1	Licence granted.
23/01/2015	L8603/2011/2	Licence re-issue and amendment to REFIRE format.
04/06/2015	W5820/2015/1	Works approval for Category 61 liquid waste pond.
11/02/2016	L8603/2011/2	Licence amendment to add Category 61 liquid waste pond.
26/04/2016	L8603/2011/2	Notice of amendment of licence expiry dates.
16/05/2022	L8603/2011/2	Notice of amendment of licence reporting requirements to remove the requirement to submit an Annual Environmental Report (AER).
25/08/2022	L8603/2011/2	Licence amendment to decrease separation distances between landfill trenches.
29/01/2024	L8603/2011/3	Renewed licence issued with 20 year duration.
07/02/2025	L8603/2011/3	DWER initiated amendment to correct errors in licence duration and liquid waste processing.

## Interpretation

#### In this licence:

- (a) the words 'including', 'includes' and 'include' in conditions mean "including but not limited to", and similar, as appropriate;
- (b) where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or other grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
- (c) where tables are used in a condition, each row in a table constitutes a separate condition;
- (d) any reference to an Australian or other standard, guideline, or code of practice in this licence:
  - (i) if dated, refers to that particular version; and
  - (ii) if not dated, refers to the latest version and therefore may be subject to change over time;
- (e) unless specified otherwise, any reference to a section of an Act refers to that section of the EP Act; and
- (f) unless specified otherwise, all definitions are in accordance with the EP Act.

**NOTE:** This licence requires specific conditions to be met but does not provide any implied authorisation for other emissions, discharges, or activities not specified in this licence.

## Licence conditions

The licence holder must ensure that the following conditions are complied with:

- 1. The licence holder must only accept waste onto the premises or landfill if:
  - (a) it is of a type listed in Table 1;
  - (b) the quantity accepted is below any quantity limit listed in Table 1;
  - (c) it meets any specification listed in Table 1; and
  - (d) in the case of Contaminated Solid Waste, is supported by documentation that demonstrates compliance with the acceptance criteria for Class II landfills.

Table 1: Waste acceptance

Waste type	Quantity limit	Specification	
Clean Fill		None specified	
Putrescible Waste (including green waste)			
Inert Waste Type 1			
Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres)	Combined total of up to 5000 tonnes per annual period		
Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos)		To be wrapped in heavy duty plastic prior to acceptance	
Special Waste Type 2 (Clinical Waste)		None specified	
Contaminated solid waste		Must meet the acceptance criteria for Class II landfills	
Liquid waste	250 tonnes per annual period	Septage (K210) and grease trap waste (K110)	

- 2. The licence holder must ensure that where waste does not meet the waste acceptance criteria set out in condition 1 it is removed from the premises by the delivery vehicle or, where that is not possible, the licence holder shall contact the CEO to agree a course of action in relation to the waste.
- 3. The licence holder must ensure that wastes accepted onto the premises are only subjected to the processes set out in Table 2 and in accordance with any infrastructure requirements and process limits described in that table.

Table 2: Infrastructure requirements and waste processing

Waste type	Processes	Infrastructure requirements and process limits <sup>1</sup>
All	Receipt, handling, associated storage and disposal of waste by landfilling	<ul> <li>No waste shall be temporarily stored or landfilled within 35 metres from the boundary of the premises;</li> <li>Maintain a minimum horizontal distance of at least one-hundred (100) metres between the previously filled areas of the premises or the tipping area and any surface water body;</li> <li>Maintain an undisturbed separation distance of at least three (3) metres between the base of the landfill disposal area to the highest level of groundwater;</li> <li>Place waste within a defined trench or within an area enclosed by earthen or other bunds;</li> <li>Trench construction is only permitted within the boundary of the Landfill Area Map (Figure 2);</li> <li>Trenches are to be 50-70 metres in length, 11-15 metres wide and two (2) metres deep;</li> <li>Restrict the tipping area to a maximum linear length of thirty (30) metres;</li> <li>Ensure the active exposed tipping face does not exceed two (2) metres in vertical height;</li> <li>Maintain an undisturbed separation distance of at lease one (1) metre between each trench; and</li> <li>Apply and maintain cover on completed trenches in accordance with conditions 4 and 5.</li> </ul>
Clean Fill		None specified
Inert Waste Type 1		None specified
Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres)	Receipt, handling, associated storage and disposal of waste by landfilling	<ul> <li>Tyre storage above ground prior to burial</li> <li>Not more than 100 tyres are to be stored above ground at the storage area at any one time.</li> <li>Tyre disposal by burial</li> <li>To be stored in a designated tyre waste cell, in batches of tyres separated from each other with at least 100 mm of soil;</li> <li>Each batch consists of not more than 1,000 tyres or 40 m³ of tyre pieces; and</li> <li>Trench construction is only permitted within the boundary of the Landfill Area Map (Figure 2).</li> </ul>

Waste type	Processes	Infrastructure requirements and process limits <sup>1</sup>
		<ul> <li>No greater than 240 m³ of green waste shall be stored at any one time;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>No greater than 240 m<sup>3</sup> of mulched green waste shall be stored at any one time;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>All mulched green waste must be stored in windrows;</li> </ul>
	Receipt, handling, associated storage and disposal of waste by landfilling  Disposal by burning	<ul> <li>Temperatures within mulched green waste windrows must be monitored on a weekly basis;</li> </ul>
		Windrows with an internal temperature exceeding 80 degrees Celsius must be turned/mixed, or otherwise treated to reduce the temperature;
		<ul> <li>All green waste storage areas must be on an impermeable surface within the boundary of the Landfill Area Map (Figure 2); and</li> </ul>
Green Waste		<ul> <li>A five (5) metre windbreak must be maintained around green waste storage areas and each windrow.</li> </ul>
		Burning of Green Waste Only
		<ul> <li>To be dried and seasoned for at least 2 months before burning;</li> </ul>
		To take place in a designated burning area at least 25 m from the boundary of any active disposal areas and within the boundary of the Landfill Area Map (Figure 2);
		To take place in trenches or windrows;
		<ul> <li>To take place only when an adequate supply of water is available to effectively manage the burning process;</li> </ul>
		To be burnt in a manner to minimise smoke generation; and
		Ensure burning does not commence before 0800 hours and the Fire Control Officer for the premises declares the area safe by 1700 hours on the same day.
Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos)	Disposal of waste by landfilling under the supervision of the licence holder, or person nominated by the licence holder	Only to be disposed of into a designated asbestos disposal trench within the boundary of the Landfill Area Map (Figure 2);
		<ul> <li>Not to be deposited within 2 m of the final tipping surface of the landfill; and</li> </ul>
		No works shall be carried out on the landfill that could lead to a release of asbestos fibres.

Waste type	Processes	Infrastructure requirements and process limits <sup>1</sup>
Special Waste Type 2	Disposal of waste by landfilling under the supervision of the licence holder, or person nominated by the licence holder	<ul> <li>Only to be disposed of into a designated clinical waste disposal trench within boundary of the Landfill Area Map (Figure 2);</li> <li>Not to be deposited within 2 m of the final tipping surface of the landfill; and</li> <li>No works shall be carried out on the landfill that could lead to clinical wastes being excavated or uncovered.</li> </ul>
Liquid waste	Receipt, storage and evaporation	Only to be disposed of into the designated liquid waste pond, as shown in the Landfill Area Map in Schedule 1 (Figure 2).

**Note 1:** Additional requirements for the acceptance and landfilling of controlled waste (including asbestos and tyres) are set out in the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004.

- **4.** The licence holder must manage the landfilling activities to ensure:
  - (a) waste is levelled and compacted as soon as practicable after it is discharged;
  - (b) waste is placed and compacted to ensure all faces are stable and capable of retaining rehabilitation material; and
  - (c) restoration of a landfill phase takes place within 6 months after disposal has been completed.
- 5. The licence holder must ensure that cover is applied and maintained on landfilled wastes in accordance with Table 3 and that sufficient stockpiles of cover are maintained on site at all times.

**Table 3: Cover requirements** 

Waste type	Material Depth Timescales		
Dutroccible weeter	Type 1 Inert Waste or Clean Fill	150 mm	By the end of the working day in which the waste was deposited.
Putrescible wastes		1,000 mm	Within 3 months of achieving final waste contours.
Inert Waste Type 1	No cover required		
Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres)	7'   500 mm		Each batch of 100 tyres covered as soon as practicable after deposition.
Special Waste Type 1	Type 1 Inert Waste or Clean Fill	300 mm	As soon as practicable after deposition and prior to compaction.
(Asbestos)		1,000 mm	By the end of the working day in which the waste was deposited.
Special Waste Type 2 (Clinical Waste)	Type 1 Inert Waste or Clean Fill	1,000 mm	Immediately after deposition.

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- **6.** The licence holder must implement the following security measures at the site:
  - (a) erect and maintain suitable fencing to prevent unauthorised access to the site;
  - (b) ensure that any entrance gates to the premises are securely locked when the premises are unattended; and
  - (c) undertake regular inspections of all security measures and repair damage as soon as practicable.
- 7. The licence holder must maintain a sign at the entrance to the premises which clearly displays the following information:
  - (a) hours of operation;
  - (b) a contact number for information and complaints or notification of fires;
  - (c) a list of materials that are accepted at the premises and the location of where they can be deposited on the premises;
  - (d) types of wastes not accepted by the premises and a contact number for alternative disposal options; and
  - (e) a warning, indication penalties for people lighting fires.
- 8. The licence holder must take all reasonable and practical measures to ensure that no wind-blown waste escapes from the premises and that wind-blown waste is collected on at least a monthly basis and returned to the tipping area.
- **9.** The licence holder must immediately recover or remove and dispose of spills of environmentally hazardous materials including fuel, oil, or other hydrocarbons, whether inside or outside of an engineered containment system.
- 10. The licence holder must employ and maintain earthen bunds and stormwater drains at the premises to ensure that uncontaminated stormwater runoff does not come into contact with waste on the premises.

## **Monitoring**

- 11. The licence holder must ensure that all monitoring equipment used on the premises to comply with the conditions of this licence is calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- 12. The licence holder must, where the requirements for calibration cannot be practicably met, or a discrepancy exists in the interpretation of the requirements, bring these issues to the attention of the CEO accompanied with a report comprising details of any modifications to the methods.
- **13.** The licence holder must undertake the monitoring in Table 4 according to the specifications in that table.

**Table 4: Monitoring of inputs and outputs** 

Input/Output	Waste type	Units	Frequency
	Clean Fill		Each load arriving at the premises
	Inert Waste Type 1		
	Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres)		
Wests Inputs	Putrescible Waste (including green waste)	Tonnes (where a weighbridge	
Waste Inputs	Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos)	is present at the premises)	
	Special Waste Type 2 (Clinical Waste)	m³ (where no	
	Contaminated solid waste	weighbridge is present)	
	Liquid waste		
Waste Outputs	Waste type as defined by the Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996		Each load rejected from the premises

## **Records and reporting**

- 14. The licence holder must record the following information in relation to complaints received by the licence holder (whether received directly from a complainant or forwarded to them by the Department or another party) about any alleged emissions from the premises:
  - (a) the name and contact details of the complainant, (if provided);
  - (b) the time and date of the complaint;
  - (c) the complete details of the complaint and any other concerns or other issues raised; and
  - (d) the complete details and dates of any action taken by the licence holder to investigate or respond to any complaint.
- **15.** The licence holder must ensure that the parameters listed in Table 5 are reported to the CEO in accordance with the notification requirements of the table.

**Table 5: Notification requirements** 

Condition or table (if relevant)	Parameter	Notification requirement <sup>1</sup>	Format or form
-	Any failure or malfunction of any pollution control equipment or any incident, which has caused, is causing or may cause pollution	Part A: As soon as practicable but no later than 5pm of the next usual working day.  Part B: As soon as practicable	In writing

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Condition or table (if relevant)	Parameter	Notification requirement <sup>1</sup>	Format or form
-	The date, time, cause and location of any unauthorised fire on the premises	Within fourteen (14) days of a fire	
Condition 3 Table 2	Construction of a new landfill trench	Notify the CEO thirty (30) days prior to the construction of a new landfill trench	

Note 1: Notification requirements in the licence do not negate the requirement to comply with s72 of the Act.

#### **16.** The licence holder must:

- (a) undertake an audit of their compliance with the conditions of this licence during the preceding annual period, and
- (b) prepare and submit to the CEO an Annual Audit Compliance Report in the approved form by 31 December each year.
- **17.** The licence holder must maintain accurate and auditable books including the following records, information, reports, and data required by this licence:
  - (a) the calculation of fees payable in respect of this licence;
  - (b) a register of Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres), Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos) and Special Waste Type 2 (Clinical Waste) disposed of at the premises which must include a plan showing the location of burial of the wastes;
  - (c) monitoring programmes undertaken in accordance with condition 13 of this licence:
  - (d) complaints received under condition 14 of this licence; and
  - (e) any notification requirements reported to the CEO in accordance with condition 15.
- **18.** The books specified under condition 17 must:
  - (a) be legible;
  - (b) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original version(s) and any subsequent amendments remain legible and are capable of retrieval;
  - (c) be retained by the licence holder for the duration of the licence; and
  - (d) be available to be produced to an inspector or the CEO as required.

# **Definitions**

In this licence, the terms in Table 6 have the meanings defined.

**Table 6: Definitions** 

Term	Definition
ACN	Australian Company Number
Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR)	means a report submitted in a format approved by the CEO (relevant guidelines and templates are available on the Department's website).
annual period	a 12 month period commencing from 1 November until 31 October of the immediately following year.
approved form	means the Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR) form template approved by the CEO for use and available via DWER's external website.
asbestos	means the asbestiform variety of mineral silicates belonging to the serpentine or amphibole groups of rock-forming minerals and includes actinolite, amosite, anthophyllite, chrysotile, crocidolite, tremolite and any mixture containing 2 or more of those.
asbestos fibres	has the meaning defined in the Department of Health document titled Guidelines for Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos Contaminated Sites in Western Australia (as amended from time to time).
books	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
CEO	means Chief Executive Officer of the department.  "submit to / notify the CEO" (or similar), means either:  Director General Department administering the Environmental Protection Act 1986 Locked Bag 10 Joondalup DC WA 6919  or:  info@dwer.wa.gov.au
Clean Fill	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
Clinical Waste	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
condition	a condition to which the licence is subject under section 62 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986
Contaminated Solid Waste	means contaminated solid waste meeting the Acceptance Criteria for Class II landfills, as specified in the Landfill Definitions.
controlled waste	has the definition in Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004.
department; DWER	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.

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Term	Definition
discharge	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
emission	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)
EP Regulations	Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (WA)
green waste	means waste that originates from untreated trees or plants.
Inert Waste Type 1	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres)	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
Landfill Definitions	means the document titled Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 published by the CEO of the Department administering the Environmental Protection Act 1986, as amended from time to time.
licence	refers to this document, which evidences the grant of a licence by the CEO under section 57 of the EP Act, subject to the specified conditions contained within.
licence holder	refers to the occupier of the premises, being the person specified on the front of the licence as the person to whom this licence has been granted.
premises	refers to the premises to which this licence applies, as specified at the front of this licence and as shown on the premises map (Figure 1) in Schedule 1 to this licence.
prescribed premises	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
putrescible	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos)	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
Special Waste Type 2 (Clinical Waste)	has the meaning defined in Landfill Definitions.
usual working day	means 0800 – 1700 hours, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in Western Australia.
waste	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.

## **END OF CONDITIONS**

# **Schedule 1: Maps**

# **Premises map**

The boundary of the prescribed premises is shown in the map below (Figure 1).

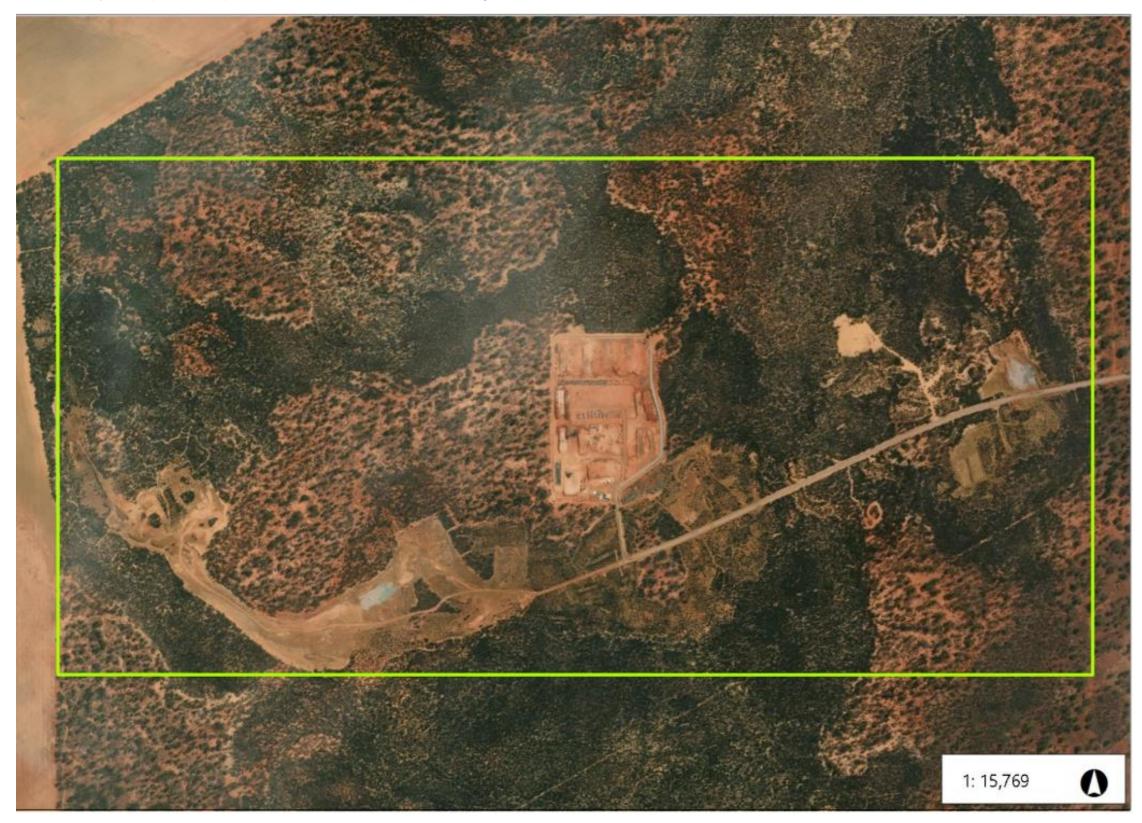


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the prescribed premises

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## **Landfill Area Map**

The area in which landfill trench construction is permitted is shown in the map below (Figure 2).

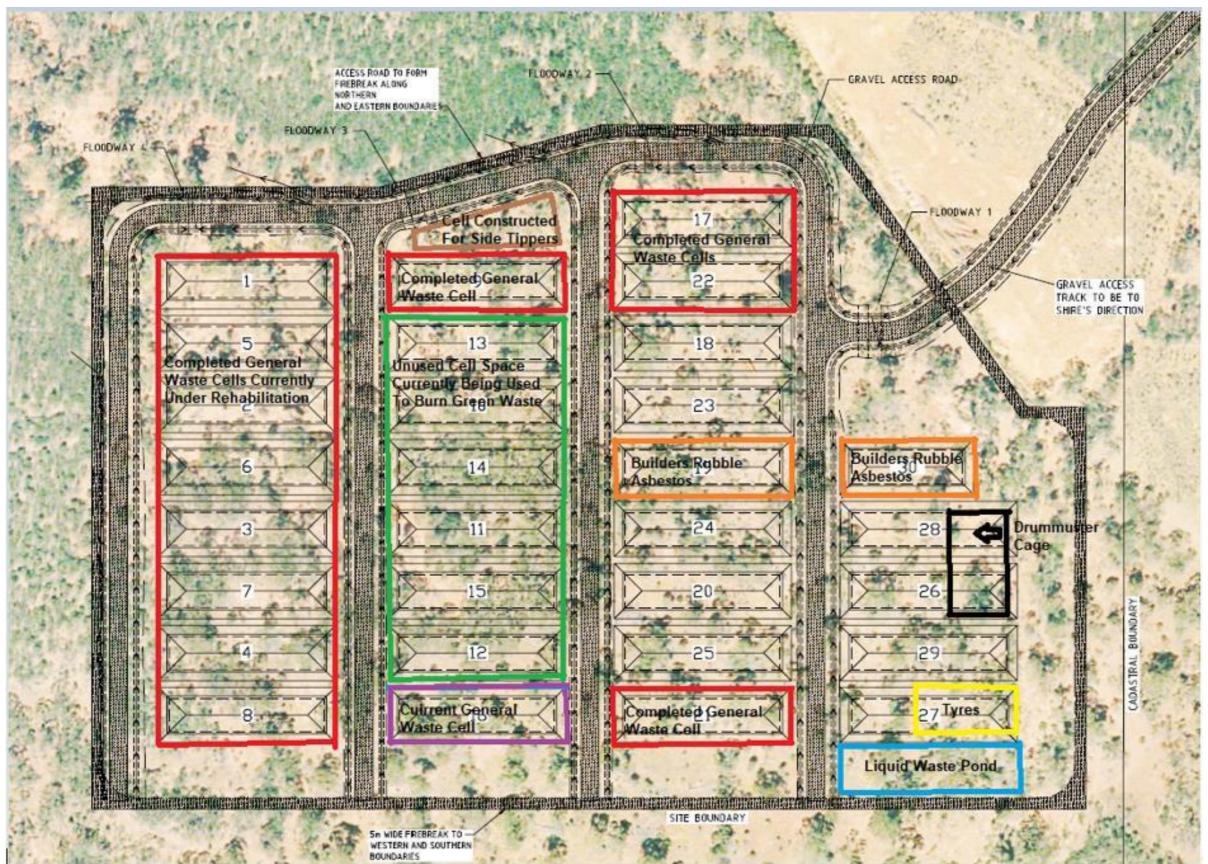


Figure 2: Current landfill layout and conceptual design within the premises