



CEO-initiated licence amendment

Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence Number L7333/1997/10

Licence Holder Vasse Felix Pty Ltd

ACN 009 181 444

File number DEC7726/1

Premises Vasse Felix Winery
71 Tom Cullity Drive
COWARAMUP WA 6284

Legal description –

Lot 101 on Diagram 82806 as depicted in Schedule 1 of the licence.

Date of report 19/12/2022

Decision Licence granted

1. Background and description of amendment

The department granted an amendment to licence L7333/1997/10 on 28 October 2022 following a review initiated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (department). The review was completed to ensure accuracy and adequacy of existing licence conditions in response to concerns raised by the department that the current wastewater treatment and disposal system at Vasse Felix Winery (the premises) may not be fit for purpose and pose a risk to the environment.

As part of the review, a risk assessment of potential emissions and discharges from the premises was completed, with regulatory controls added to the licence to address potential impacts to receptors.

The licence holder was provided with a copy of the draft decision report and draft revised licence, after which they provided comments. Comments were considered by the department with changes documented in the decision report. However, due to some inadvertent errors, some of these intended changes were not made within the licence.

This amendment is to correct those errors, and a small number of other administrative errors, and is made pursuant to section 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

2. Decision

The delegated officer has amended the licence to correct administrative errors in accordance with section 59(1)(e) of the EP Act.

The decision report for the existing licence will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

3. Consultation

The licence holder was provided with the draft amended licence on 16 November 2022. No comments were provided by the licence holder within the requested timeframe.

4. Summary of amendment

The below table provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised licence as part of the amendment process.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
1, Table 1, item 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correction to description of east area leach drain infrastructure as per licence holder comments provided on 14 October 2022. Six, instead of four, 30 m pipe leach drain modules; and four, instead of six, 30 m concrete leach drain modules.• Addition of "As of 1 February 2024", such that discharge may occur to the east area during 1 June to 31 October 2023.• Addition of "As of 1 February 2024", to postpone the restriction of the maximum daily discharge of 14,500 L/day to each area (west and east).• Addition of condition to restrict the volume of wastewater discharged to the leach drain field to $\leq 29,000$ L/day, calculated from total monthly volume discharged, as per licence holder comments provided on 14 October 2022. This condition will apply until 31 January 2024, after which an automated system will be installed (as per condition 2) and wastewater discharges will be restricted to 14,500 L/day to each area (west and east).• Removal of duplicate "monthly inspection".

1, Table 1, items 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified the sludge dewatering bund as separate infrastructure to the marc bay as per licence holder comments on 14 October 2022. • Added infrastructure location wording for the marc bay. • Added infrastructure location wording for the sludge dewatering bund.
2, Table 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added wording such that an automated system is to be installed by 31 January 2024 to manage the daily volume of wastewater discharged to each leach drain field area.
Schedule 1: Maps, Figure 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrected caption to refer to sludge dewatering bund rather than marc bay concrete bund.