



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6205/2018/1
Works Approval Holder	Abra Mining Pty Limited
ACN	110 233 577
File Number	DER2018/001572
Premises	Abra Base Metals Project MEEKATHARRA WA 6642 Legal description – Part of mining tenements G52/292 and L52/210 As defined by the premises maps attached to the revised works approval
Date of Report	10/12/2021
Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to works approval W6205/2018/1. The amendments are administrative in nature therefore they do not alter the risk profile of the premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

This amendment report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

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

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the works approval, the department has considered and given due regard to its regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

2.2 Application summary

Works approval W6205/2018/1 is held by Abra Mining Limited (works approval holder) for the Abra Base Metals Project (the premises), part of mining tenements G52/292 and L52/210, Meekatharra, WA.

The premises relates to the category 5 processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations), which are defined in the existing works approval W6205/2018/1.

On 25/08/2021, the works approval holder submitted an application to the department to amend works approval W6205/2018/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited to extending the works approval expiry date by a period of 12 months. An extension to the expiry of the works approval was requested to be amended to 30 June 2023 to provide additional time to complete the works.

The CEO has also determined to include minor administrative changes as part of the works approval amendment, these are limited only to:

- updating the format and appearance of the licence;
- correcting clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- updating the premises map to demonstrate mining tenements G52/292 and L52/210 and prescribed premises infrastructure.

3. Consultation

The works approval holder was provided with the draft works approval and amendment report on 25 November 2021. Comments were received from the works approval holder on 07 December 2021 and have been considered by the Delegated Officer.

The applicant requested a minor amendment from a SAG mill to a ball mill under the infrastructure and equipment requirements table. This has been updated as requested.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this amendment report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended works approval will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements. The works approval expiry date has been extended to 30 June 2023.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 below 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 works approval as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments

Relevant section or condition no.	Proposed amendments
Cover page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated to align with the current works approval template. • Works approval holder name and registered business address updated to align with information provided within the ASIC company extract report. • Extended expiry date to 30/06/2023. • Included date of amendment. • Included legal description for the prescribed premises, which lists relevant mining tenements. • Included prescribed premises category description table, which provides the assessed production capacity.
Throughout works approval	<p>The following items are now demonstrated in lower case text throughout the main body of the works approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas, Approved Policy, Books, Column, Commission, Condition(s), Decant, Decision, Department, Detail, Detention Basin, Discharge(s), Emissions, Event Pond, General Emissions, Implementation Agreement, Inspector, Instrumentation, Material Environmental Harm, Number, Plan, Pollution, Premises, Prescribed, Process Plant, Request, Section, Serious Environmental Harm, Specified, Storage, Stormwater, Waste, Works and Works Approval Holder.
Explanatory notes	<p>This information has been removed from the works approval due to the information being available within the Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing (June 2019), which can be accessed via the department's website.</p>
Definitions and interpretations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretations has been removed from this heading as the relevant information is now captured under a separate 'Interpretation' heading. • Definitions for the following terms have been included: 'annual period', 'AS 1940', 'AS 1692', 'GCL', 'HDPE', 'm', 'mbgl', 'Mt' and

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	<p>'TSF'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'reportable event' definition has been removed as this is now obsolete.
Works approval history	A table demonstrating the history of the works approval has been added.
Interpretation	The text has been updated based on department legal advice.
Conditions 2 and 3	The text formatting has been updated for clarity purposes.
Condition 2, Table 2	<p>Line item 'TSF', column 1 of the 'Infrastructure and equipment requirements table' has been updated to reflect the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bore depth (80 mbgl) has now been included to align with the Mining Proposal (ID 92251) approved by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety in 2018.
Schedule 1: Maps, Premises map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text has been included to demonstrate that the red line depicts premises boundary. The premises map has been updated with a more recent map that demonstrates the mining tenements G52/292 and L52/210 and prescribed premises infrastructure.