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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BHP NICKEL WEST LEINSTER OPERATIONS LICENCE L4612/1989/11**

***Temporary Suspension***

In July 2024 BHP announced, that BHP NiW operations will be temporarily suspended from October 2024.

During temporary suspension:

- BHP NiW's mining and processing operations, including operations at the Leinster Operations(LNO), will be suspended; and
- A care and maintenance program of work will be implemented to ensure the ongoing safety and integrity of BHP NiW's mines and related infrastructure.

BHP NiW has prepared a Temporary Suspension Environmental Operations Plan for LNO to provide internal guidance in relation to the ongoing environmental obligations that are required to be complied with by BHP NiW during the temporary suspension period as part of the care and maintenance program of work. This document will be submitted to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) in the coming weeks.

***Proposed Administrative Amendments to L4612/1989/11***

On 16 September 2024, BHP NiW met with DWER representatives to discuss current and upcoming approval applications to support the operating scenario during temporary suspension. With operations at LNO going into temporary suspension, BHP NiW would like to propose necessary amendments to Licence L4612/1989/11 to ensure conditions are relevant to the operations during this period.

Attached is a table, which includes the necessary amendments required to support temporary suspension operations.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed amendments, please contact [REDACTED] [m](#) should you have any queries.