



CEO-initiated amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L5199/1983/12
Licence holder	Western Australian Meat Marketing Co-operative Ltd (WAMMCO)
DWER file number	DER2014/001668
Premises	WAMMCO International – Katanning Abattoir Great Southern Hwy KATANNING WA 6317
Date of report	31 July 2024
Status of report	Final

1. Scope of amendment

Amendment summary

The Western Australian Meat Marketing Co-operative Ltd (licence holder) hold licence L5199/1983/12, issued under Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The licence is due to expire on 15 October 2024.

The licence relates to operation of a red meat processing facility on the outskirts of Katanning. The main activities occurring on the premises include the slaughtering and processing of sheep, rendering, and fellmongering of skins.

Due to the age of the existing licence and the facility, and that the premises has not been subjected to a detailed environmental risk assessment under the department's current regulatory framework, the department had intended on conducting a targeted review of the licence as part of processing a replacement licence in 2024, to ensure:

- the licence still accurately reflects the activities being conducted on the premises;
- all emissions and discharges have been properly identified; and
- there is an appropriate level of regulatory control being applied, commensurate with the risk of impacts from ongoing operations to public health and the environment.

However, due to time constraints, the department proposes to extend the duration of the licence to allow sufficient time for a review and issue of a replacement licence in the new format.

2. Decision

The delegated officer has determined to extend the duration of the existing licence as an administrative change, on the grounds of time constraints to complete a detailed review, and that it does not change the obligations of the licence holder in the interim.

The licence duration will be extended by 5 years, now expiring in 2029, in which time it is anticipated the department will have completed its review of the licence, in addition to issuing a replacement licence in the new format.

In extending licence duration, the delegated officer has determined not to delete the construction compliance and reporting conditions relating to a reverse osmosis plant (works completed mid-2023), as the existing licence, due to its age, does not have an authorised infrastructure table that can be updated. As such, these conditions will remain on the licence until it can be reviewed and updated in the new format.

As part of this amendment process, the delegated officer has flagged several key areas of the licence that require detailed review, including a proper review of wastewater management practices and the management (on-site disposal) of solid wastes.

3. Consultation

The draft licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 10 July 2024 and after noting a typographical error, waived the consultation period.

The licence holder also advised it is currently preparing an application for works approval that considers a potential expansion of operations at the premises.

Summary of changes

The below table provides a summary of the updates and will act as a record of implemented changes. All changes have been incorporated on the licence.

Condition / table	Description
Cover page	Expiry date changed to 15/10/2029