



Application to transfer a licence

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

Licence Number	L5423/1990/15
Applicant	Parklands WA Pty Ltd
ACN	659 998 946
File Number	DER2014/001648-1
Premises	Goodchild Abattoir 189 Rosamel Road, Parkfield, WA 6233. Legal description – Lot 300 on Plan 37367
Date of Report	7 December 2022
Decision	Revised licence granted

1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to transfer licence L5423/1990/15 from the existing licence holder (Goodchild Abattoirs Pty Ltd) to Parklands WA Pty Ltd (the applicant).

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In its decision, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER, 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

Goodchild Abattoirs Pty Ltd currently holds licence L5423/1990/15 for the operation of Goodchild Abattoir (the premises), located at Lot 300 on Plan 37367, 189 Rosamel Road, Parkfield, WA 6233.

On 19 October 2022, Parklands WA Pty Ltd submitted an application to the department to transfer licence L5423/1990/15 under section 64 of the EP Act. The application is limited to transferring the licence holder details, including the licence holder name, ACN and registered address.

3. Assessment

Background

On 20 August 2018, Goodchild Abattoirs Pty Ltd was placed into voluntary administration and operations ceased at the premises. The abattoir was placed into care and maintenance by the liquidators (PricewaterhouseCooper) until sale of the site is completed.

On 13 October 2021, the liquidators requested that wastewater and groundwater monitoring requirements specified in the licence be suspended until 30 days prior to the recommencement of operations at the premises. As a result of this request the Department initiated this amendment to allow ambient groundwater monitoring to be reduced to one annual sample until abattoir operations recommence at the premises.

The licence also specified a requirement for the licence holder to provide at least 30 days' notice to the CEO prior to operations recommencing at the premises following the period of care and maintenance.

The assessment of transfer applications requires the determination of whether the new occupier meets the Department's fitness and competency requirements. Further, the applicant must provide documentary evidence of the date they became occupier of the premises.

Legal entity and occupancy status

The applicant is a registered company with a valid and current entry on the Australian Securities & Investments Commission register (ACN 659 998 946) and is therefore a legal entity.

The applicant is also the registered proprietor of the premises, having purchased Lot 300 on Plan 37367, 189 Rosamel Road, Parkfield, WA 6233 via an Asset Sale Agreement on 7 December 2022

Fitness and competency

The applicant is considered to be fit and competent to operate and hold the licence.

Site History (2018 – 2022)

On 20 August 2018, Goodchild Abattoirs Pty Ltd was placed into voluntary administration and operations ceased at the premises. The premises was placed into care and maintenance by the liquidators (PricewaterhouseCooper) until the site could be sold.

On 13 October 2021, the liquidators requested that wastewater and groundwater monitoring requirements specified in the licence be suspended until 30 days prior to the recommencement of operations at the premises.

As a result of this request the Department initiated a licence amendment to allow ambient groundwater monitoring to be reduced to one annual sample until abattoir operations recommence at the premises. The amendment was approved in May 2022.

Current Operations under licence L5423/1990/15

The current licence L5423/1990/15 does not authorise operations.

A works approval or licence amendment application is required to demonstrate that the waste containment infrastructure, in particular the wastewater treatment system (WWTS) is fit for purpose.

The site will remain non-operational until a works approval or licence amendment is approved by the Department.

4. Decision

The Delegated Officer has determined to transfer licence L5423/1990/15 to Parklands WA Pty Ltd on the grounds it is a current legal entity with legal access to the premises.

5. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this transfer report, the Delegated Officer determined to transfer the licence to Parklands WA Pty Ltd.

The licence holder is reminded that a works approval or licence amendment application is required to allow operations to recommence at the site. The application is to outline works required to render the facility fit for purpose (managing waste and emissions from the holding and slaughtering of animals).