



CEO-initiated amendment to licence

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L6001/1989/15
Licence holder	V&V Walsh Pty Ltd
Premises	V&V Walsh abattoir Lot 1 Rawling Road DAVENPORT WA 6231
Application number	APP-0026282
Date of report	19 September 2025
Status of report	Final

Scope of amendment

Amendment summary

V & V Walsh Pty Ltd (licence holder) hold licence L6001/1989/15, issued under Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The licence is due to expire on 3 October 2025.

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

The department first indicated its intentions to conduct a targeted review of the licence as part of replacing the previous licence in 2023, in anticipation of the existing wastewater treatment ponds being replaced with a new wastewater treatment plant and improvements to wastewater management practices. However, due to delays in this project being implemented, the department has agreed to defer the review process until after the new plant has been installed and commissioned (now expected 2027).

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 targeted review, and that it does not change the obligations of the licence holder in the interim.

The licence duration will be extended by 3 years, now expiring in 2028, in which time it is expected that a works approval for the new plant has been issued, the plant has been installed and commissioned, and the department has completed its targeted review (incorporating the new plant and wastewater management practices).

Whilst the scale and scope of the project is acknowledged, the delegated officer is also mindful of the time it has taken to get to this point; that current wastewater management practices at the premises are not sustainable; and there are existing and ongoing licence compliance concerns.

Should there be further delays in the implementation of the project, or should it not proceed, the department may initiate the licence review process earlier than agreed to address existing non-compliance issues.

In amending the licence, the delegated officer has also:

- deleted works conditions relating to the construction of a dewatering pad, as these works have been completed and compliance closed out, and transferred the operational conditions across to the existing tables in the licence; and
- made administrative changes to annual reporting conditions, to specify the actual reporting dates, rather than a number of days from the end of the annual period.

Consultation

The draft licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 2 September 2025, who did not object to the proposed changes.

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 03/10/2028
Condition 4, Table 1	Added dewatering pad to infrastructure table
Condition 5, Table 2	Added self-bunded containerised dewatering unit, sludge balancing tank, dewatering cake catchment bin, floating sludge pump, HPDE piping

	<i>infrastructure</i>
<i>Condition 6, Table 3</i>	<i>Added dewatering sludge waste</i>
<i>Conditions 10 – 13</i>	<i>Deleted, as these are works conditions for a dewatering pad that have been completed</i>
<i>Conditions 20 & 23</i>	<i>Updated to reference an actual submission date instead of number of days after end of the annual period</i>