



CEO-initiated amendment to licence

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L6437/1990/11
Licence holder	Timber Treaters Bridgetown (WA) Pty Ltd
DWER file number	2011/007477
Premises	<p>Timber Treaters Bridgetown 444 Hester Road HESTER WA 6255</p> <p>Being Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 26 on Plan 222567, Lots 72 and 73 on Plan 216748 and 9434m² of Railway Corridor as per Ground Lease L3216</p> <p>As depicted in Schedule 1</p>
Date of report	22 September 2025
Decision	Instrument granted

1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make an amendment to licence L6437/1990/11. The amendment is administrative in nature therefore does 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 licence 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 licence, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at [DWER Regulatory documents | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/regulatory-documents).

2.2 Amendment summary

Timber Treaters Bridgetown (Timber Treaters) is a timber preserving business located in Hester, near Bridgetown, in an area zoned 'Industrial'. Surrounding landuse is primarily residential, with housing separated from Timber Treaters by Hester Road on one side and a railway reserve on the other. Blackwood Timber Milling adjoins the eastern side of the property.

Raw pine logs are received and de-barked. They are then stored for up to nine months to reduce moisture content (or dried using a pressure vessel). The dried wood is treated with diluted copper chrome arsenate (CCA) solution in a pressure vessel. The vessel is then opened and the treated timber removed. It is stored on a concrete hardstand for a minimum of 24 hours to dry, with drips draining to a concrete sump. The contents of the concrete sump are used as makeup water for the treatment process.

Most of the premises slopes downwards to a dam, collecting uncontaminated stormwater. The dam has an overflow point, discharging into surface water on the neighbouring property. Emission limits are included in the licence in relation to this discharge and monitoring is required for the dam and this discharge.

The existing licence is due to expire on 30/09/2025. The department considers that there is insufficient time to complete a licence renewal process therefore initiated an amendment to licence L6437/1990/11. The amendment is limited to extending the licence expiry date. No reassessment of risk has been undertaken at this time. The department intends to defer the review and renewal of the premises licence for a period of twenty years by amending the licence expiry date to 30/09/2045.

3. Consultation

The draft licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 3/09/2025. The licence holder supplied an updated premises boundary map and included 9434m² of Railway Corridor as per Ground Lease L3216 in premises address description.

4. Decision

Section 63 of the EP Act prescribes that a licence shall continue in force for such period as is specified in the licence. Licence L6437/1990/11 is due to expire on 30/09/2025. The delegated officer considers it appropriate to extend the licence duration by twenty years.

In determining to extend the duration of the licence by twenty years, the following matters were considered by the delegated officer:

- all noise complaints reported to pollution watch have been finalised by the department;
- no enforcement actions taken by the department in the last five years;
- an extension to the duration of the licence will not change the current risk profile of the premises, and the risks posed by ongoing emissions from the premises will continue to be subject to the existing licence conditions;
- the licence holder has continued access to the premises for the duration of the extension;
- *Guidance Statement: Licence duration* (2016) provides for licences to be issued for a term of up to 20 years; and
- in the event that risk issues arise in relation to the premises, the CEO may:
 - amend the licence conditions at any point; and
 - in the event of an alleged offence, exercise enforcement powers under the provisions of the EP Act.

5. Conclusion

5.1 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 licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of licence amendments

Condition / table	Description
Front page of licence	Expiry date extended to 30 September 2045 and updated premises address by adding 9434m ² of Railway Corridor as per Ground Lease L3216
Introduction/Explanatory notes/premises description	Removed, this guidance is available in the department's Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing (June 2019) and does not form part of the licence conditions
All conditions	Updated numbering and referencing (licensee shall' replaced with 'licence holder must') to be consistent with current licence template.
1.2.1	Removed to be consistent with current licence template.
1.2.2	Now read as condition 1
1.2.3	Now read as condition 2
1.2.4	Now read as condition 3
1.2.5	Now read as condition 4
1.3.1	Now read as condition 5
1.3.2	Now read as condition 6
1.3.3	Now read as condition 7
1.3.4	Now read as condition 8
1.3.5	Now read as condition 9
1.3.6	Now read as condition 10
1.3.7	Now read as condition 11

2.1.1	Now read as condition 12
2.2	Removed as there is no point source air emissions on site
2.3.1	Now read as condition 13
Table 2.3.1	Now read as Table 1
2.3.2	Now read as condition 14
Table 2.3.2	Now read as Table 2
2.4 and 2.5	Removed as not relevant
2.6.1	Now read as condition 15
2.6.2	Now read as condition 16
2.7 and 2.8	Removed as not relevant
3.1.1	Now read as condition 17
3.1.2	Now read as condition 18
3.1.3	Now read as condition 19
3.1.4	Now read as condition 20
3.2	Removed as not relevant
3.3.1	Now read as condition 21
Table 3.3.1	Now read as Table 3
3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.1.1 and 4.1.2	Removed as not relevant
5.1.1	Now read as condition 22
5.1.2	Removed as not relevant
5.1.3 and 5.1.4	Updated to conditions 26 and 23 respectively
-	Added condition 24 and 25 to be consistent with current licence template
5.2.1	Now read as condition 27
Table 5.2.1	Updated and reads as Table 4
5.3.1	Removed as not relevant
Table 5.3.1	
Schedule 1	Included an updated premises boundary map as Figure 1 – supplied by licence holder and included emission points as Figure 2
Schedule 2	Removed as no longer relevant - Reporting & notification forms
Definitions	Added – ACN, approved form, books, department and licence holder
	Updated – address for CEO and the meaning of licence and premises
	Removed – Licensee and Schedule 2 - Reporting & notification forms, as no longer relevant. - code of practice, dangerous goods, environmentally hazardous material, fugitive emissions