



## Application to renew a licence

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

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<b>Licence Number</b>	L6797/1991/13
<b>Licence Holder</b>	Water Corporation
<b>ABN</b>	28 003 434 917
<b>File Number</b>	2011/000052
<b>Premises</b>	Katanning Water Resource Recovery Facility Lot 4 on Great Southern Highway KATANNING WA 6317  Being Lot 4 on Diagram 28605 as shown in Schedule 1 of the Licence
<b>Date of Report</b>	30/10/2023
<b>Decision</b>	To grant a licence

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Officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

## 1. Decision summary

Under the regulatory framework the Delegated Officer decided to process the application to renew licence L67971991/13 without conducting an additional risk assessment.

The licence can be issued for 20 years, which is consistent with the *Guidance Statement on Licence Duration 2016*. In renewing the licence the Delegated Officer has determined to:

- update the format and appearance of the licence;
- incorporated licence amendment/s issued prior to the replacement licence;
- remove redundant conditions;
- revised licence conditions;
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- transfer all existing regulatory controls and conditions to the new licence.

As a result of the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L6797/1991/13, subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

## 2. Scope of assessment

### 2.1 Application summary

On 17 August 2023 Water Corporation (licence holder) applied to renew licence L6797/1991/12, as the licence is due to expire on 31 October 2023. The licence was granted to the licence holder for the premises located at Lot 4 on Great Southern Highway, Katanning (Premises).

The licence relates to prescribed premises categories as described in Table 1.

**Table 1: Premises category description and production design capacity**

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> )	Production / design capacity
Category 54: <i>Sewage facility: premises</i> – (a) On which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks); or (b) From which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters	1,090 m <sup>3</sup> per day

The main activities occurring on the Premises include treatment of wastewater through a series of four ponds consisting of two primary ponds and two secondary ponds, the piped transfer of treated wastewater from the treatment plant to a storage dam or irrigation of the Katanning Country Club, and to Shire and school tanks for reuse during summer and discharge to Katanning Creek when surplus to reuse requirements or when storage in the Golf Course Storage Dam exceeds the design fill curve.

The licence holder proposed change in name of the facility from “Katanning Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTTP)” to “Katanning Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)” and remove onsite “Reuse pond” from Licence in Table 6: Infrastructure and Equipment”. The pond has been decommissioned and physically removed from the site in 2020.

### 3. Regulatory framework

The Delegated Officer has not conducted a full review and risk assessment of emissions and discharges from the Premises in line with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (department) *Work Instruction: Regulatory Services, COVID-19 licensing position* October 2022.

In granting the licence, the Delegated Officer has considered and given due regard to the department's regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

### 4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

#### 4.1 Compliance and enforcement actions

There have been 4 complaints made during the year 2021 due to failure of an aerator in the primary pond system. The aerator in pond system was repaired and have been in service again since 22 April 2021. There have been no further complaints.

The plant is compliant with licence conditions. There have been no recent changes to the WWTP that have the potential to alter the treatment outcomes. There have been no enforcement actions taken against the occupier in the last 5 years regarding the licence.

#### 4.2 Legal occupancy

The licence holder has demonstrated legal occupancy of the Premises.

#### 4.3 Categories of the licence

The requested categories and the corresponding maximum production capacities for the renewal of the licence are consistent with the categories for which the licence holder currently holds a licence and which was previously assessed.

#### 4.4 Planning approval

Under Section 137 of the *Water Services Act 2012*, the Water Corporation is a Section 6 entity under the *Planning Development Act 2005* and is therefore exempt from development approval.

### 5. Summary of changes to the licence conditions

Section 62 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) provides the legal power to attach conditions to licenses. Most licenses are issued with conditions as per *Guidance Statement – Setting Conditions* (October 2015) to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution or environmental harm as a result of the emissions and/or discharges from the premises in question.

Table 2 summarises the changes from the expiring licence into the new licence including changes made to licence conditions where required and the rationale for changes made.

**Table 2: Licence conditions changes, description and rationale**

Current condition / table	Summary of current condition	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
N/A	Explanatory notes		Deleted
N/A	Interpretation		Retained and edited

Current condition / table	Summary of current condition	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
N/A		Licence history	Introduced
Schedule 2 Table 6 –	Infrastructure table	1 Table 1	Included the constructed infrastructure and equipment into Table 1 from Schedule 2.
1 Table 2	Emissions	2 Table 2	Condition was retained and reinstated without any change
2 & 3		Deleted	Hazardous materials such as Alum and Hypochlorite in are no longer stored onsite within bunded areas therefore conditions 2 & 3 have been deleted from licence.
4 to 12		3 to 11	Condition maintained with minor edits to maintain accuracy of operations
13 Table 3	Monitoring	12 Table 3	Remove monitoring of Aluminum from monitored sample parameters.
14		13	Condition was retained with minor administrative changes.
15		14	Condition was retained with minor administrative changes.
16	Reporting	15	Condition was retained with minor administrative changes.
18	Compliance	16	Reworded
19	Record keeping	17 & 18	Reworded
20	Complaints	19	Reworded
17		20 Table 4	Reworded Environmental reporting condition to meet new standards.
21		21	Condition retained and reinstated without change
N/A	Definitions Table 1	Definitions Table 5	Table updated.
Schedule 1	Maps	Schedule 1	An additional Katanning WRRF Schematic map added to licence with sample points identified.
Schedule 2	Primary Activities & Infrastructure and equipment	N/A	Removed - Table 5: Primary Activities and Table 6: Infrastructure and equipment.

## 6. Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as per Table 3.

**Table 3: Consultation**

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer's response
Application advertised on the department's website on 4 October 2023 with submissions close by 25 October 2023.	No submissions received.	N/A
Local Government Authority advised of application on 4 October 2023	The Shire of Katanning advised on 4 October 2023 and asked to make submission by 25 October 2025. No submission was received by closing date.	N/A
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 4 October 2023 and comments received on 25 October 2023. The Applicants comments are in the adjoining column.	<p>The licence holder comments included;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minor administrative edits to Condition 1, 5(d), 7(c), 8, and 8(c).</li> <li>2. Removal of condition 3 &amp; 4 as environmentally hazardous material are no longer stored on the premises.</li> <li>3. Removal of Aluminium parameters from Table 3 Condition 12, plus,</li> <li>4. Addition of a new Schedule 1 plan of the Katanning WRRF schematic.</li> </ol>	<p>The Delegated Officer reviewed the comments by the Applicant and agreed to amend the licence to incorporate points 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4.</p> <p>The assessed design capacity was also edited to remove "not more than" from the front page of the licence table as the assessed design capacity of cubic metres per day is not limiting at this licensed premises.</p>