



CEO-initiated amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L6786/1989/12
Licence holder	Westpork Pty Ltd
DWER file number	DER2014/001577
Premises	Westpork Australind Piggery 96 Rosamel Road PARKFIELD WA 6233
Date of report	24 July 2024
Status of report	Final

1. Scope of amendment

Amendment summary

Westpork Pty Ltd (licence holder) hold licence L6876/1989/12, issued under Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The licence is due to expire on 19 October 2024.

The licence relates to operation of an intensive piggery about 15 km north of Bunbury. The main activities on the premises include the breeding and farrowing of pigs within indoor (deep litter) shelters, and the management of piggery wastes.

Due to the age of the existing licence and the fundamental changes to the nature of operations at the site (from a conventional indoor piggery with some deep litter shelters, to a solely deep litter shelter piggery), 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.

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 targeted review and issue of a replacement licence in a new format during the transition period to the amended legislation, 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 existing licence and issue of a replacement licence.

In extending the licence duration, the delegated officer has also determined to delete conditions relating to completed improvement works (to install a roof over the solid waste storage area), following submission of the compliance certification on 15 July 2024.

The delegated officer has also flagged several key areas of the licence that require detailed review, including a proper review of waste management practices at the site, including the current practice of removing commercial volumes of raw or unprocessed manure off-site to premises that are not lawfully able to accept that waste.

3. Consultation

The draft licence and this report were provided to the licence holder for their representations on 11 July 2024. The licence holder did not object to the changes and requested the amendment be issued with no further comment.

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 19/10/2029
Condition 2	Deleted – improvement works to construct a roof over the solid waste storage area (works completed)
Conditions 3, 4 & 5	Deleted – compliance certification and reporting conditions (completed)