



## Application to replace expiring licence

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

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<b>Licence Number</b>	L7465/1999/9
<b>Applicant</b>	Northern Star (Carosue Dam) Pty Ltd
<b>File Number</b>	DER2020/000690
<b>Premises</b>	Carosue Dam Operations MENZIES WA 6436  Mining tenements M28/166-168, M28/245, M28/269, M31/208-210, M31/219-220, M31/295, L28/23, L28/24, L28/25, L28/26, L28/28, L28/29, L28/30, L28/31, L28/41, L31/37 and L31/40  As defined by the Premises map in Schedule 1
<b>Date of Report</b>	14 October 2021
<b>Proposed Decision</b>	Licence granted

SENIOR INDUSTRY REGULATION OFFICER

*An officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the EP Act*

## 1. Application summary

On 7 June 2021, Northern Star (Carosue Dam) Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) applied to renew licence L7465/1999/8 for the Carosue Dam Operations (Premises), as the licence is due to expire on 31 October 2021. The Premises are located on various mining tenements in Menzies. The licence relates to prescribed premises categories as described below in Table 1.

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

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> )	Assessed production capacity
Category 5: Processing and beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	4,000,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 6: Mine dewatering	1,000,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 52: Electric power generation	28 MW
Category 54: Sewage facility	150 m <sup>3</sup> /day
Category 63: Class I inert Landfill	3,500 tonnes per annual period
Category 64: Class II putrescible landfill	6,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 73: bulk storage of chemicals, etc.	1,400 m <sup>3</sup>

The Licence Holder currently operates the Premises which is located approximately 110km north-east of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on the Gindalbie and Pinjin pastoral leases. Gold mine operations recommenced at the Premises in December 2009 through recommissioning the processing plant and commencing mining operations.

## 2. Regulatory framework

The Delegated Officer decided to undertake an administrative renewal of the licence and has not conducted a full review and risk assessment of emissions and discharges from the Premises in line with the Department's *Work Instruction: Regulatory Services, COVID-19 licensing position*.

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

## 3. Decision summary

Under the regulatory framework the Delegated Officer has determined to grant the licence L7465/1999/9 without conducting any additional assessment or risk assessment.

The existing prescribed premises categories have not been reviewed as part of this renewal and the replacement licence will be issued for 20 years.

In renewing the licence the Delegated Officer has determined to:

- update the format and appearance of the licence;
- remove redundant definitions and conditions;
- include conditions considered necessary for the effective administration of the licence (i.e. record keeping and reporting requirements);
- correct clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- transfer all relevant existing regulatory controls and conditions to the renewed licence.

As a result of this decision, a renewed Licence L7465/1999/9 has been granted subject to conditions set out in the attached licence and summarised below.

### 3.1 Summary of administrative changes

Section 62 of the EP Act provides general power to impose conditions on a licence. Licences are issued with conditions as per *Guidance Statement – Setting Conditions* (October 2015) for the purposes of the EP Act to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution or environmental harm.

Table 2 summarises the transfer of all appropriate conditions from the expiring licence into the renewed licence including changes made to licence conditions where required and the rationale for changes made.

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

Licence condition number	Summary - previous licence condition	Conversion notes	New licence condition number
Cover page	Licence version, and expiry date.	Licence version and expiry date updated to: - L7465/1999/9 - 31/10/2041	N/A
35	Notification	Redundant condition.	36 - revised to current licensing format.
Schedule 2: Notification & Forms	N1 form	Redundant attachment. Deleted from licence.	N/A

## 4. Consultation

The draft licence and this decision report were provided to the Licence Holder on 30 September 2021 for comment. The Licence Holder responded on 30 September 2021 with no comments and requested the consultation period be waived and the licence be issued.

## 5. Decision

Based on the information in this Decision Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that the renewed licence L7465/1999/9 will be granted. The licence is subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls as well as conditions necessary for administration and annual reporting requirements.