



Application for Licence Amendment

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

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| Licence Number | L7738/2000/9 |
| Licence Holder | Water Corporation |
| ACN | 634 169 841 |
| File Number | DEC1113/1~3 |
| Premises | Margaret River Wastewater Treatment Plant Corner Long and Tare Roads BRAMLEY WA 6285 Legal description – Being Forest Lease 2112/97 and Part of State Forest No. 56 As defined by the Premises map in Schedule 1 of the Revised Licence |
| Date of Report | 01 August 2023 |
| Decision | Revised licence granted |

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1. Decision summary

Licence L7738/2000/9 is held by the Water Corporation (Licence Holder) for the Margaret River Water Resource Recovery Facility (the Premises), located at the corner of Long and Tare Roads, Bramley WA 6285.

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L7738/2000/9. The amendments outlined within this amendment report do not alter the risk profile of the Premises. As a result of this assessment, Revised Licence L7738/2000/9 has been granted.

This Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

The Revised Licence issued as a result of this amendment consolidates and supersedes the Existing Licence previously granted in relation to the Premises. The Revised Licence has been granted in a new format with existing conditions being transferred, but not reassessed, to the new format.

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 <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

2.2 Application summary

On 13 March 2023, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L7738/2000/9 under section 59 and 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to altering the due date for the annual audit compliance report, to be 1 October annually. In amending the licence, the CEO has:

- updated the format and appearance of the Licence; and
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

No changes to the aspects of the Existing Licence relating to Category 54 and Category 61 have been requested by the Licence Holder.

Table 1 below outlines the current approved production/design capacity for the Premises.

Table 1: Approved and proposed design capacity

| Category | Approved design capacity |
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| Category 54 Sewage facility: premises — (a) on which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks); or (b) from which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters. | 1,800 m ³ per day |
| Category 61: Liquid waste facility: premises on which liquid waste produced on other premises (other than sewerage waste) is stored, reprocessed, treated or irrigated. | 1,000 tonnes per annual period |

3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 01 June 2023. Comments received from the Licence Holder on 30 June 2023 have been considered by the Delegated Officer as detailed in Appendix 1.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that a Revised Licence will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 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 2: Summary of licence amendments

| Condition no. | Proposed amendments |
|------------------------|---|
| Cover page | Registered business address updated. ACN number updated. Premises name updated to 'Margaret River Water Resource Recovery Facility' as requested by the Licence Holder on 08 June 2023. Premises details updated to include 'As defined by the Premises map in Schedule 1'. |
| Licence history | Licence history table updated to include this amendment. |
| Condition 1 Table 1 | Terminology updated within 'Waste Type' column – 'liquid waste' removed and replaced with 'septage waste' to remove ambiguity. Acceptance specification of 'Limited to septage waste' removed as now redundant in light of waste type update. Reference to 'emergency events or maintenance work' within existing sewage waste acceptance specifications removed. |
| Condition 2 Table 2 | Table 2 label added above table in condition 2 'Table 2: Waste type processing, limits and specifications' consistent with current revised licensing format. 'Liquid waste' replaced with 'septage waste' in light of waste acceptance specification changes in Condition 1 Table 1. |
| Condition 4 | Condition moved from 'Infrastructure and equipment' section to 'Monitoring section' to increase readability of the Licence – new condition 10. Reference to annual reporting removed – placed into environmental reporting requirements (Table 4). |
| Condition 5 | Condition moved from 'Infrastructure and equipment' section to 'Monitoring section' to increase readability of the Licence – new condition 11. |
| Condition 16 | Reference to annual reporting removed – placed into environmental reporting requirements (Table 4). |

| Condition no. | Proposed amendments |
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| Condition 18 | Condition reworded and updated to change the Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR) reporting submission date to 1 October. |
| Condition 19 | New condition outlining annual environmental reporting requirements (Table 4). |
| Definitions Table 5 | Definitions updated to include 'approved form', 'condition', 'septage waste' and 'sewage waste'. Definitions table numbering amended to Table 5 to correct administrative error. |

References

1. *Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions, Perth, Western Australia.*
2. *Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, Guideline: Environmental Siting, Perth, Western Australia.*
3. *DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia.*

Appendix 1: Summary of Licence Holder's comments on draft amendment

| Condition | Summary of Licence Holder's comment | Department's response |
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| Condition 1, Table 1 Condition 2, Table 2 | <p>Replace the term 'septage' with 'sewage' and add K130 waste code as follows:</p> <p>Waste Type: Septage Sewage waste (K130) produced on other premises.</p> <p>The Margaret River WRRF does not accept septage waste (K210), only sewage waste (K130). Acceptance of tankered sewage waste is part of normal operations, not just 'emergency events or maintenance work' situations.</p> | <p>The K130 waste code will not be included, as this code doesn't apply to sewage waste accepted through inflows.</p> <p>Through follow up correspondence, the Licence Holder advised that the premises accepts tankered waste from toilet blocks, mining camps and festivals.</p> <p>For the purpose of controlled waste, this waste is considered to be septage waste as it is not affiliated with a reticulated sewage system.</p> <p>As such, the Delegated Officer will retain reference to septage waste on the licence so the Licence Holder can continue current operations.</p> <p>Reference to 'emergency events or maintenance work' will be removed from sewage waste acceptance specifications as requested to reflect current operations. The Delegated Officer considers that this will not affect the risk rating of the premises.</p> |
| Definitions Table Table 5 | <p>Deletion of the term 'septage waste'. The definition is not required if septage waste is removed from Tables 1 and 2.</p> | <p>Septage waste acceptance specifications will be retained on the Licence. The definition for 'septage waste' will also be retained on the licence and updated to reflect controlled waste specifications for the waste type.</p> <p>A definition for 'sewage waste' has also been added for consistency.</p> |
| Premises details | <p>On 8 June, the Licence Holder requested to update the Premises name to 'Margaret River Water Resource Recovery Facility'.</p> | <p>Premises name update approved and amended.</p> |