



## Application to renew a licence

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

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<b>Licence Number</b>	L7968/1998/6
<b>Licence Holder</b>	Water Corporation
<b>ABN</b>	28 033 434 917
<b>File Number</b>	2010/006077-1
<b>Premises</b>	Donnybrook Water Resource Recovery Facility Lot 2 on Diagram 50500, Lot 836 on Plan 256165; and Lot 2861 on Plan 81860 DONNYBROOK WA 6239
<b>Date of Report</b>	30 October 2023
<b>Decision</b>	To grant a licence

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An 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 L7968/1998/6 without conducting any 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:

- correct 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 L7968/1998/6 to conditions set out in the attached licence.

## 2. Scope of assessment

### 2.1 Application summary

On 6 June 2023 Water Corporation (licence holder) applied to renew licence L7968/1998/5, 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 2 on Diagram 50500, Lot 836 on Plan 256165; and Lot 2861 on Plan 81860, Donnybrook (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> )	Assessed production / design capacity
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	620 m <sup>3</sup> per day

The main activities occurring on the Premises include the treatment of sewage from which cumulative volumes of treated wastewater is stored in a storage dam and discharged via irrigation.

## 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 2021.

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 [DWER Regulatory documents | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/regulatory-documents).

## 4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

### 4.1 Compliance and enforcement actions

The department's Compliance and Enforcement Section deal with all non-compliance issues identified at each licensed Premises. There have been no enforcement actions taken against the occupier regarding the licence and Premises operations.

### 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 is currently authorized and was previously assessed.

### 4.4 Planning approval

Under Section 137 of the *Water Services Act 2012*, the Water Corporation is a public works 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 licence. 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.

There are no changes in the new licence since the licence amendment authorised on 1 August 2023.

## 6. Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as per Table 1.

**Table 1: Consultation**

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer's response
<i>Application advertised on the department's website on 11 August 2023 closing 1 September 2023.</i>	<i>No submissions received.</i>	N/A
<i>Applicant was provided with draft documents on 5 September 2023</i>	<i>No submissions received.</i>	N/A