



Application for Licence Amendment

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

Licence Number	L8239/2008/2
Licence Holder	Water Corporation
File Number	DEC7565/1
Premises	York Wastewater Treatment Plant Great Southern Highway YORK WA 6302 Legal description – Lot 460 on Plan 91128 As defined by the Premises map attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	30 August 2023
Decision	Revised licence granted

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1. Decision summary

Licence L8239/2008/2 is held by the Water Corporation (Licence Holder) for the York Wastewater Treatment Plant (the Premises), located at Lot 460 on Plan 91128, Great Southern Highway, York WA 6302.

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L8239/2008/2. The amendments outlined within this amendment report do not alter the risk profile of the Premises. As a result of this assessment, Revised Licence L8239/2008/2 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 30 June 2023, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L8239/2008/2 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 environmental report and Annual Audit Compliance Report, to be 1 October annually.

No changes to the aspects of the Existing Licence relating to Category 54 have been requested by the Licence Holder. Table 1 below outlines the current approved production/design capacity for the Premises.

Table 1: Approved design capacity

Category	Approved 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.	130 cubic metres per day

2.3 Consolidation of Licence

As part of this amendment package the department has consolidated the licence by incorporating changes made under the Amendment Notices as summarised in Table 2.

Table 2: Licenses consolidated in this amendment

Instrument	Issued	Summary of approval
L8239/2008/2	21/04/2015	Licence granted
L8239/2008/2	29/04/2016	Notice of Amendment of Licence Expiry Dates
L8239/2008/2	25/06/2018	Amendment Notice 1 alterations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relocation and construction of the woodlot irrigation scheme• Installation and modification of WWTP infrastructure to accommodate a future capacity increase• Surface water location map and infrastructure maps added to the licence.

The obligations of the Licence Holder have not changed in consolidating the licence. The department has not undertaken any additional risk assessment of the Premises related to previous Amendment Notices.

In consolidating the licence, the CEO has:

- updated the format and appearance of the Licence;
- deleted the redundant AACR form set out in schedule 1 of the previous licence and advised the Licence Holder to obtain the form from the department's website;
- revised licence condition's numbers, and removed any redundant conditions and realigned condition numbers for numerical consistency; and
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

The full consolidation of licence conditions as they relate to this Revised Licence are detailed in Section 4.1. Previously issued Amendment Notices will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 18 August 2023. Comments received from the Licence Holder on 29 August 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 3 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 3: Summary of licence amendments

Revised licence condition	Previous licence condition	Condition summary	Amendment notes
N/A	N/A	N/A	'Shall' updated to 'must' and 'licensee' updated to 'licence holder' as per current licensing wording.
N/A	N/A	Cover page	Updated to revised licensing format. Restructured to clearly indicate what prescribed activities have been risk assessed. Updated to correct DWER file number. Date of amendment added.
Expiry Date: 21/04/2028	N/A	Expiry Date: 21/04/2020	In accordance with the Notice of Amendment of Licence Expiry Dates (29/04/2016).
Registered business address	N/A	Registered business address	Updated to correct registered business address.
Premises details	N/A	Premises details	Updated to correct premises legal description.
Prescribed premises category table	Prescribed premises category table	Prescribed premises category description	Revised to current licensing format – 'Capacity' column heading updated to 'Assessed production/design capacity'. 'Prescribed premises category' and 'Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> added to 'Description' column. 'Category' column removed.
N/A Interpretation section, Definitions and Table 6	N/A	Interpretation and definitions	Interpretation section added and definitions table added as per current licensing format.
			Definitions updated: 'premises'.
			Definitions removed: 'APHA-AWWA-WEF', 'Chief Executive Officer', 'Department of Environmental Regulation' and 'Licensed facility'.
			Definitions added: 'Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR)', 'approved form', 'AS/NZS 5667.1', 'CEO', 'condition', 'Department', 'discharge', 'emission', 'EP Act', 'EP Regulations', 'licence', 'licence holder', 'prescribed premises', 'waste' and 'works'.
N/A	N/A	Licence conditions	'The licence holder must ensure that the following conditions are complied with:' added as per current licensing format and wording.
Licence history table	N/A	Licence history	Licence history table added from Amendment Notice 1 (25/6/2018). Table updated to include Notice of Amendment of Licence Expiry Dates (29/04/2016), Amendment Notice 1 (25/6/2018) and this amendment. Revised to current licensing format.

Revised licence condition	Previous licence condition	Condition summary	Amendment notes
Condition 1	Condition 1	Maintenance of wastewater treatment ponds	'Shall be' amended to 'is' and 'discernible' deleted as per current licensing wording.
Condition 2 Table 1	Condition 2 Table 1	Emissions to land	Attachment 5 removed from Licence as is now redundant – Figure reference updated to refer to new Figure (Figure 5). Emission point references and descriptions updated in Table 1 to reflect new Figure reference and changes incorporated through consolidation with Amendment Notice 1.
Condition 3 Table 2	Condition 3 Table 2	Emission limits to land	Emission point references and descriptions updated in Table 2 to reflect new Figure reference (Figure 5) and changes incorporated through consolidation with Amendment Notice 1.
Condition 5	Condition 5	Flow monitoring device	'Annual Monitoring Report' amended to 'Environmental Report' to align with condition 18.
Condition 6	Condition 6	Treated wastewater sampling requirements	Attachment 3 updated to Figure 2 as per current licensing format and wording.
Condition 8	Condition 8	NATA accreditation	Standard updated to current Australian standard.
Condition 9 Table 3	Condition 9 Table 3	Groundwater monitoring bores	Attachment 4 in Table 3 updated to Figure 7 as per current licensing format and wording. Table heading added.
Condition 11	Condition 11	Sample analysis	Condition 10 reference updated to correct condition (condition 9). Standard updated to current Australian standard.
Condition 12	Condition 12	Calculation of contaminant load	'Annual Monitoring Report' amended to 'environmental report' to align with condition 18.
Condition 13	Condition 13	Storage of environmentally hazardous materials	Environmentally hazardous materials are adequately regulated by the Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004. 'environmentally hazardous chemicals including' deleted.
Records and reporting heading	Monitoring and reporting conditions heading	Records and reporting	'Monitoring and reporting conditions' heading updated to 'Records and reporting' heading, as per current licensing format.
Condition 18	Condition 18	Environmental Report	Condition reworded and updated to change the Environmental Report submission date to 1 October. Reporting requirements added to Table 4 and relevant conditions inserted for clarification. Revised to current licensing format.

Revised licence condition	Previous licence condition	Condition summary	Amendment notes
Condition 19	Condition 19	Annual Audit Compliance Report	Condition reworded and updated to change the AACR reporting submission date to 1 October. Revised to current licensing format.
N/A	Conditions 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.1.4 Table 5.1.1	Authorised works	The Licence Holder submitted an Environmental Compliance Report on 3 November 2023 to demonstrate compliance with works conditions outlined in Amendment Notice 1. DWER confirmed that the provided information met the requirements of the conditions in Amendment Notice 1 on 11 May 2023. As such, these conditions have been removed from the Licence. Map references will be updated to reflect updated site layout as implemented through completed works conditions.
N/A	Attachment 1 AACR Reporting	Annual Audit Compliance Report	Redundant attachment. Deleted from Licence. Forms accessed at www.dwer.wa.gov.au
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 1	Attachment 2	Premises boundary	Figure updated for clarity. Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 2	Attachment 3	Pond overview	Figure updated for clarity and renamed in light of inclusion of new site overview map. Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 3	Figure 2	Site plan	Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 4	Figure 3	Leachate sink and leachate drain	Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 5	Figure 4	Irrigation site map	Map replacing previous Attachment 5 due to updates to irrigation area / infrastructure implemented through works conditions within Amendment Notice 1. Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 6	Figure 5	Surface water location	Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.

Revised licence condition	Previous licence condition	Condition summary	Amendment notes
N/A – Schedule 1: Maps Figure 7	Figure 3	Groundwater bore map	Titles and labels amended as per current licensing format and wording.
N/A	Attachment 5	Irrigation site map	Redundant with updates to irrigation area / infrastructure implemented through works conditions within Amendment Notice 1. Attachment removed from Licence.

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. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (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
N/A - ACN	The Water Corporation is a statutory body and does not have an Australian Company Number (ACN).	The error has been noted and the ACN has been removed from the Revised licence.
N/A – premises throughput	The assessed capacity is listed as 130 m ³ /day, but it was increased to 200 m ³ /day in the 2018 amendment to the licence. Please can the throughput be updated in the amended licence to reflect this.	<p>Amendment Notice 1 to the licence authorises the construction of additional irrigation area / infrastructure that will facilitate an increase in premises throughput from 130 m³/day to 200 m³/day.</p> <p>However, it does not authorise the actual increase in throughput.</p> <p>At this stage, the original throughput capacity of 130 m³/day will be retained on the Revised licence.</p> <p>A throughput increase to 200 m³/day will need to be sought through a new amendment application.</p>